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Glad Tidings

PEACE
Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace.
good will toward men. Luke 2:14
HOPE
ye shall find the babe wrapped
in swaddling clothes,
lying in a manger. Luke 2:12
LIFE
For unto you is born this day in the
City of David a Savior
which is Christ the LORD. Luke 2:11
LOVE
I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall
be to all people. Luke 2:10

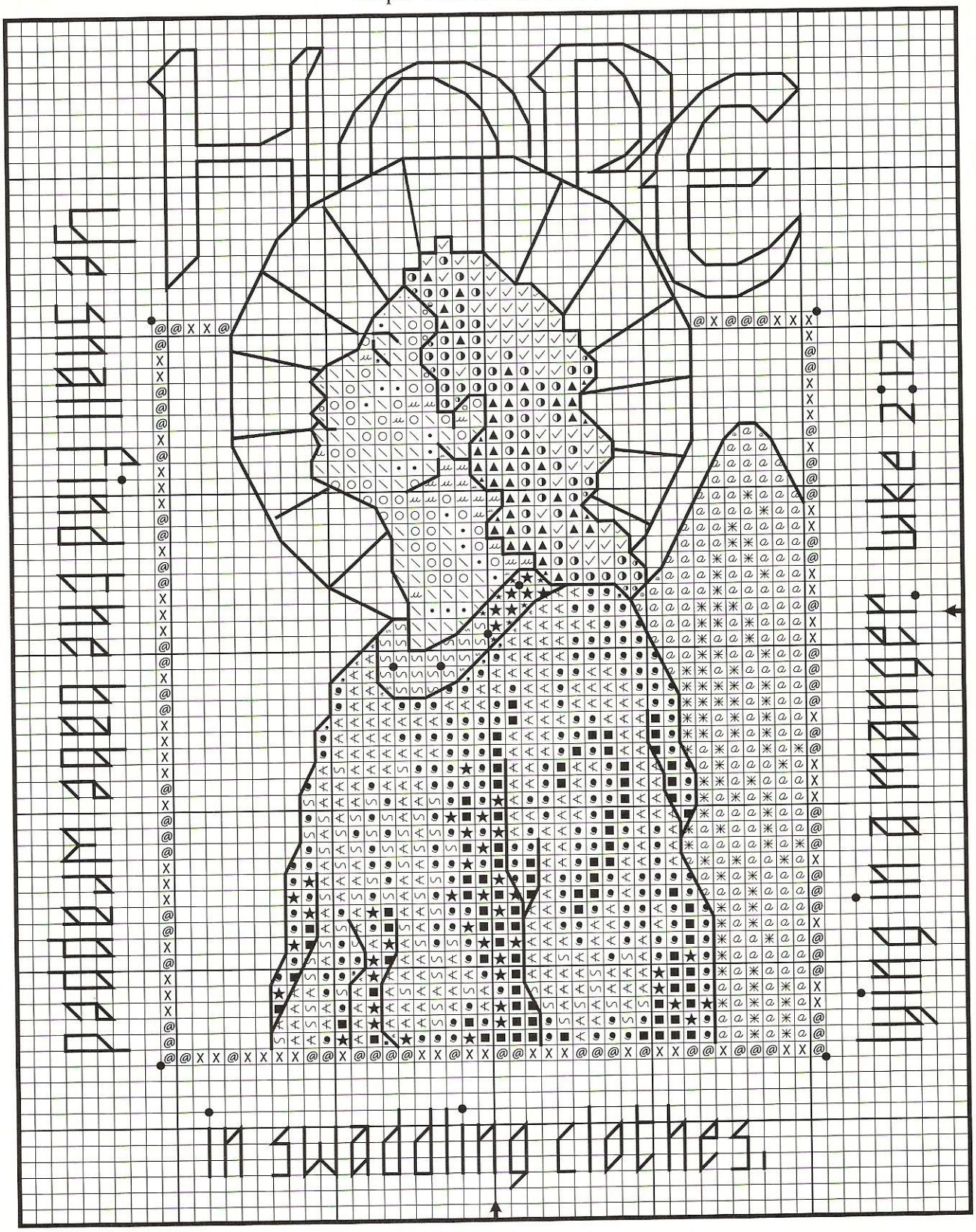
Peace, hope, love, and life are the values we cherish—especially at Christmastime. They encourage our affection for family and friends and make us eager to invest time in meaningful pursuits. This collection of ornaments was designed to resemble a panel of stained-glass windows and is certain to make a splendid addition to your holiday decor. *Charts begin on page 8.*

Love Ornament Chart

Life Ornament Chart

Luke 2:4
Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to David's town called Bethlehem, because he belonged to the house and family of David.
City of David a Savior

Hope Ornament Chart



Peace Ornament Chart

GLAD TIDINGS ORNAMENTS

Designed by Marie Barber

Materials:

- **One 10" x 9" piece 32-count platinum Belfast® linen from Zweigart® for each ornament***
- **One skein each DMC® or Anchor® six-strand embroidery floss****
- **One spool Kreinik® Cord****
- **One spool Kreinik® Very Fine Braid # 4****
- **One spool Kreinik® Ombre****
- **One package Mill Hill Petite Glass Beads****
- **Size 24 tapestry needle**
- **Beading needle**

See "Where to Find It" on page 65.
****Refer to color code.***
NOTE: Finishing instructions are at right.

	DMC®	Anchor®	
X	833	874	olive, lt.
@	3021	905	brown-gray, vy. dk.
·[	blanc	2	white
·[	3774	778	flesh, vy. lt.
\	3774	778	flesh, vy. lt.
○	950	4146	flesh
u	3773	1008	flesh, med.
S[	002C	Kreinik	gold
S[	3822	295	straw, lt.
★[	002C	Kreinik	gold
★[	783	307	gold
a[	102C	Kreinik	Vatican gold
a[	3046	887	yellow-beige, med.
✳[	3045	888	yellow-beige, dk.
✳[	102C	Kreinik	Vatican gold
+	677	361	old gold, vy. lt.
«	676	891	old gold, lt.
≥	3045	888	yellow-beige, dk.
ℓ	368	214	pistachio, lt.
⧗	367	216	pistachio, dk.
◆	500	683	blue-green, vy. dk.
✓	422	372	hazelnut, lt.
◑	420	374	hazelnut, dk.
▲	3781	1050	mocha brown, dk.
∢	312	979	navy, lt.
●	336	150	navy
■	939	152	navy, vy. dk.
?[	722	323	spice, lt.
?[	743	302	yellow, med.
#	721	324	spice, med.
♥[	720	325	spice, dk.
♥[	355	1014	terra-cotta, dk.
⌅	3041	871	antique violet, lt.
☽	211	342	lavender, lt.
£	210	108	lavender, med.
bs	611	893	drab brown, dk.
bs	840	1084	beige-brown, med.

Mill Hill Petite Glass Beads

●	40557	gold

Kreinik® Very Fine Braid #4

bs	205	Vatican gold

Kreinik® Ombre

bs	1700	misty gold

Stitch count: 71H x 55W
Design size: 4 1/2" x 3 1/2"

Instructions: Cross stitch over two threads, using two strands of floss. When floss and Kreinik Cord are bracketed together, use one strand of floss and two strands of cord. When two colors of floss are bracketed together, use one strand of each.

Backstitch using one strand of floss or metallics unless otherwise indicated.

Attach beads where ● appears on clothing and halos, using one strand of matching floss and a cross stitch.

Work French knot where remaining ● appears, using one strand of floss and wrapping floss around needle twice unless otherwise indicated.

Backstitch (bs) instructions:

1700		outline of halos
3021	905	Bible verses
840	1084	flesh
205		wings, gold trim on clothing

Special Instructions:

Love Ornament

Backstitch (bs) instructions:

355	1014	*LOVE*
611	898	hair
3021	905	remainder of clothing

French-knot instructions:

3021	905	Bible verse
355	1014	four corners of border (two strands)

Life Ornament

Backstitch (bs) instructions:

500	683	*LIFE*
611	898	hair
3021	905	remainder of clothing

French-knot instructions:

3021	905	Bible verse
500	683	four corners of border (two strands)

Hope Ornament

Backstitch (bs) instructions:

336	150	HOPE
3021	905	hair
840	1084	remainder of clothing
002C		rays of halo (straight stitch, two strands)

French-knot instructions:

3021	905	Bible verse
336	150	four corners of border (two strands)

Peace Ornament

Backstitch (bs) instructions:

3041	871	*PEACE*
3021	905	hair, remainder of clothing
002C		rays of halo (straight stitch, three strands)

French-knot instructions:

3021	905	Bible verse
3041	871	four corners of border (two strands)

Stitched by Melissa Cahill, Shannon Lery, Sandra Truman, and Connie Winslett
Finished by Lorna Reeves

FLAT-ORNAMENT FINISHING INSTRUCTIONS

Materials:

- **Backing fabric to complement or match cross-stitch fabric**
- **One 24" length 4mm-diameter Kreinik® antique-gold Torsade (for each ornament)**
- **Thread to match fabrics and trim**
- **Padded mounting board**
- **Fabric-marking pencil**
- **Ruler**
- **Straight pins**
- **Hand-sewing needle**
- **Scissors**
- **Sewing machine (optional)**

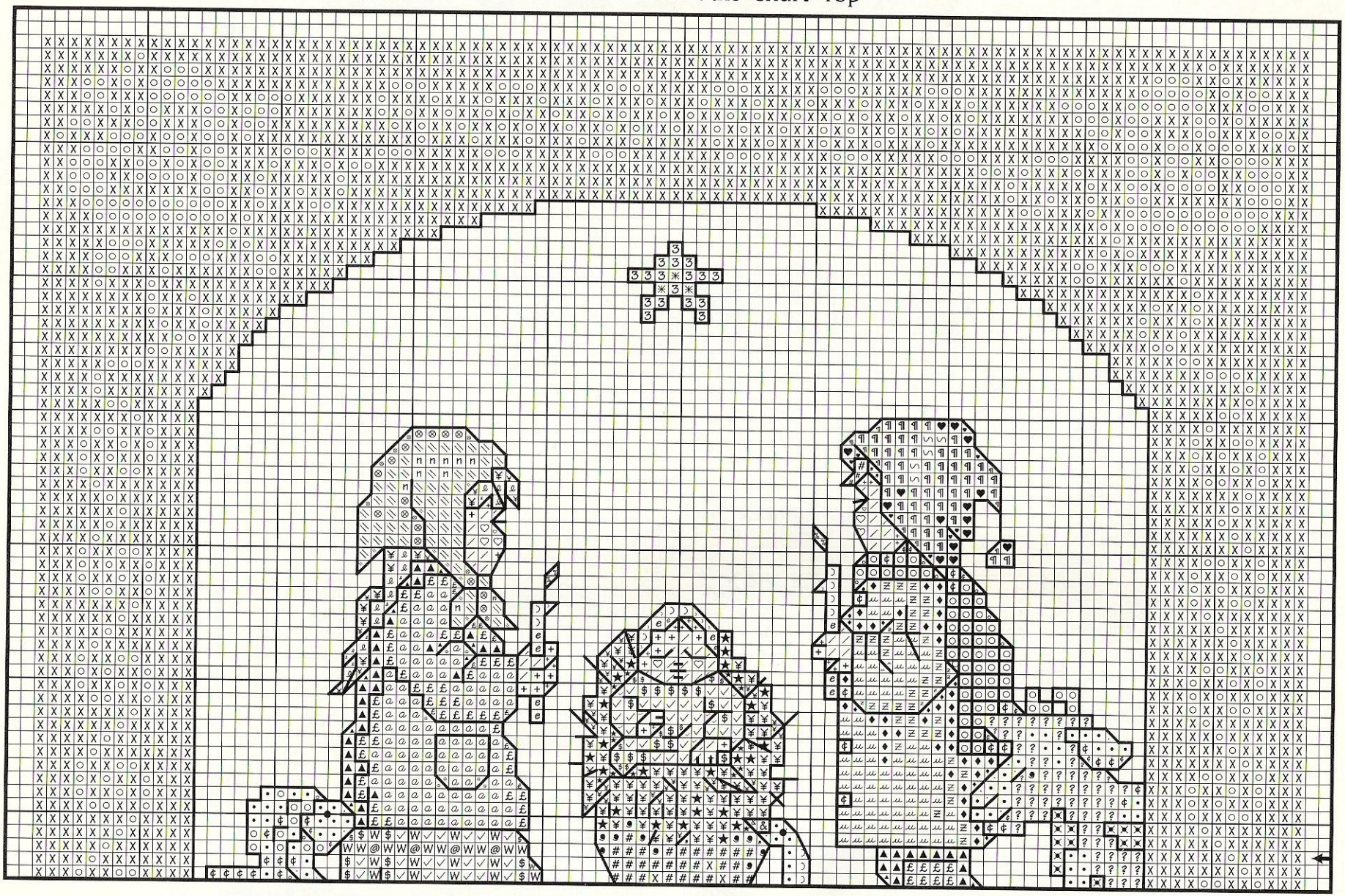
1. Measure 1/4" from stitching on all sides and use marking pencil to draw a line this distance from edge of design all around, staying on grain-line of fabric when possible. Do **not** cut fabric. Place ornament over a piece of backing fabric (right sides together) and pin layers together along edge of stitching.
2. Sew around ornament along drawn line, leaving bottom of ornament open. Trim all layers to seam allowances of 1/4". Turn ornament to right side.
3. Using ornament as a pattern, cut mounting board. Insert mounting board into ornament and sew opening closed.
4. Blind stitch Torsade to ornament, concealing cut ends.

The Loveliest of Truths

Life holds no sweeter thing than
this, to tell a little child,
while Christmas candles glow,
the story of a Babe whose
humble birth became the loveliest
of truths we know.

The "Loveliest of Truths" is even more meaningful when shared with a child for the first time. All other Christmas memories and traditions pale in comparison to the knowledge of the One who once came as a baby to bring light to our world forever. Stitch this simple sampler to recall the meaning of Christmas for years to come. Chart begins on page 16.

The Loveliest of Truths Chart–Top



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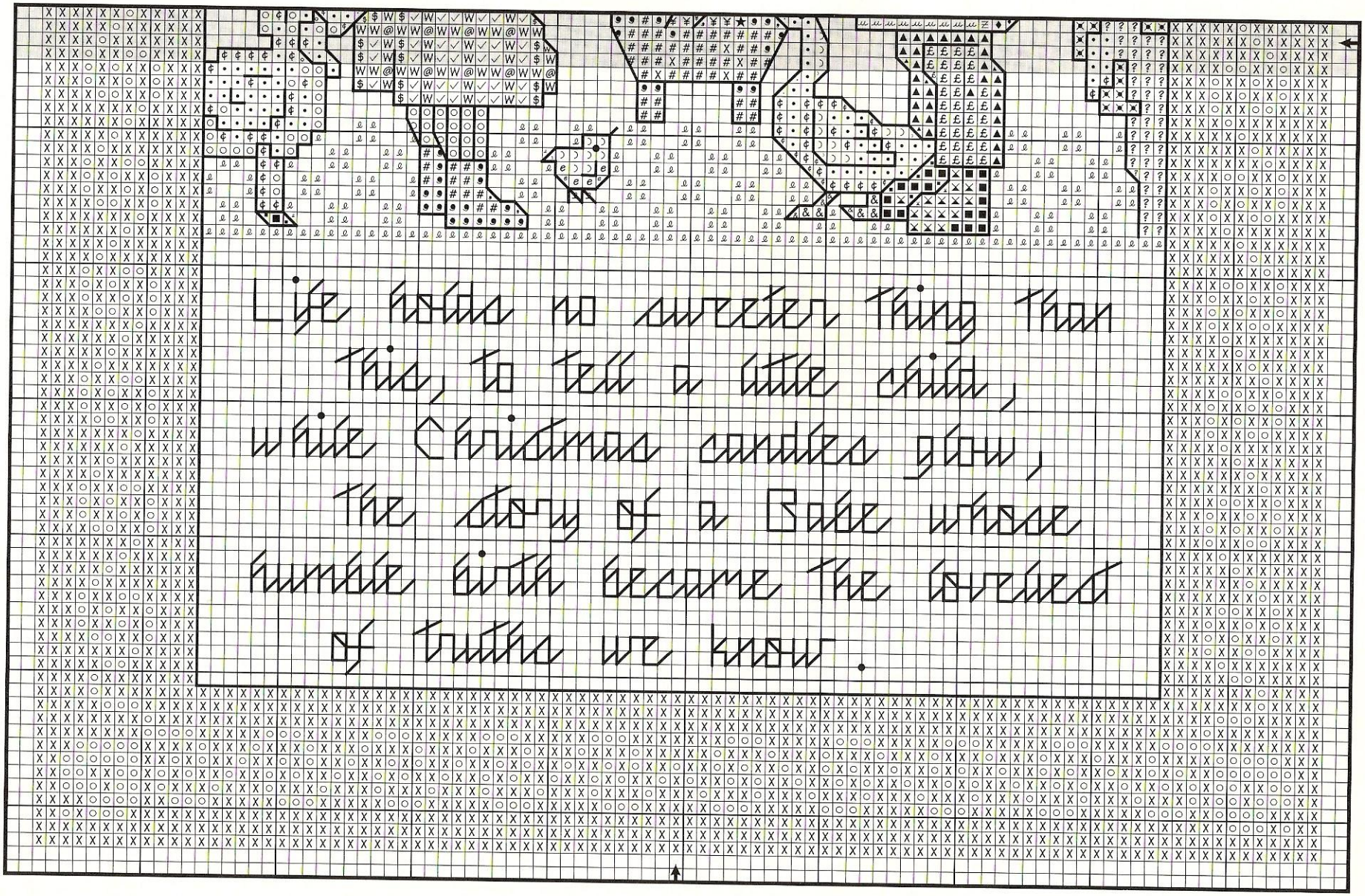

Life holds no greater thing than
this, to tell a little child,
while Christmas candles glow,
the story of a babe whose
humble birth became the fairest
of truths we know.

THE LOVELIEST OF TRUTHS

Designed by Camille Harrison

Materials:

- **One 15" x 13" piece 28-count latté Country French linen from Wichelt Imports, Inc.***
- **One skein each DMC® or Anchor® six-strand embroidery floss***
- **Size 24 tapestry needle**
- **Professionally framed***

***See "Where to Find It" on page 65.**

****Refer to color code.**

	DMC®	Anchor®	
♡	761	1021	salmon, lt.
/	948	1011	peach flesh, vy. lt.
+	754	1012	peach flesh, lt.
X	841	1082	beige-brown, lt.
○	ecru	387	ecru
@	300	352	mahogany, vy. dk.
W	301	1049	mahogany, med.
✓	928	274	green-gray, lt.
ℓ	676	891	old gold, lt.
¥	729	890	old gold, med.
a	932	1033	antique blue, lt.
£	931	1034	antique blue, med.
▲	930	1035	antique blue, dk.
n	503	876	blue-green, med.
\	502	877	blue-green
⊗	501	878	blue-green, dk.
#	840	1084	beige-brown, med.
●	839	1086	beige-brown, dk.
)	746	275	off white
e	745	300	yellow, lt. pl.
$	927	849	gray-green, med.
%	972	298	canary, dp.
★	420	374	hazelnut, dk.
·	blanc	2	white
¢	415	398	pearl gray
&	720	325	spice, dk.
⧗	645	273	beaver gray, vy. dk.
u	3013	853	khaki, lt.
Z	3012	855	khaki, med.
◆	3011	856	khaki, dk.
∩	815	44	garnet, med.
¶	814	45	garnet, dk.
♥	902	897	garnet, vy. dk.
✖	400	351	mahogany, dk.
?	407	914	flesh, dk.
■	310	403	black
3	3822	295	straw, lt.
✳	3821	305	straw

Stitch count: 121H x 95W
Design size: 9" x 7"

Instructions: Cross stitch over two threads, using two strands of floss. Backstitch using one strand of floss. Work French knot where ● appears, using two strands 839/1086 and wrapping floss around needle once.

Backstitch (bs) instructions:

840	1084	baby's hair, candle flames, candles, star, stripes on girl's socks (two strands)
931	1034	boy's scarf (two strands)
720	325	chick's feet and beak
841	1082	border
839	1086	lettering (two strands), remainder of backstitch

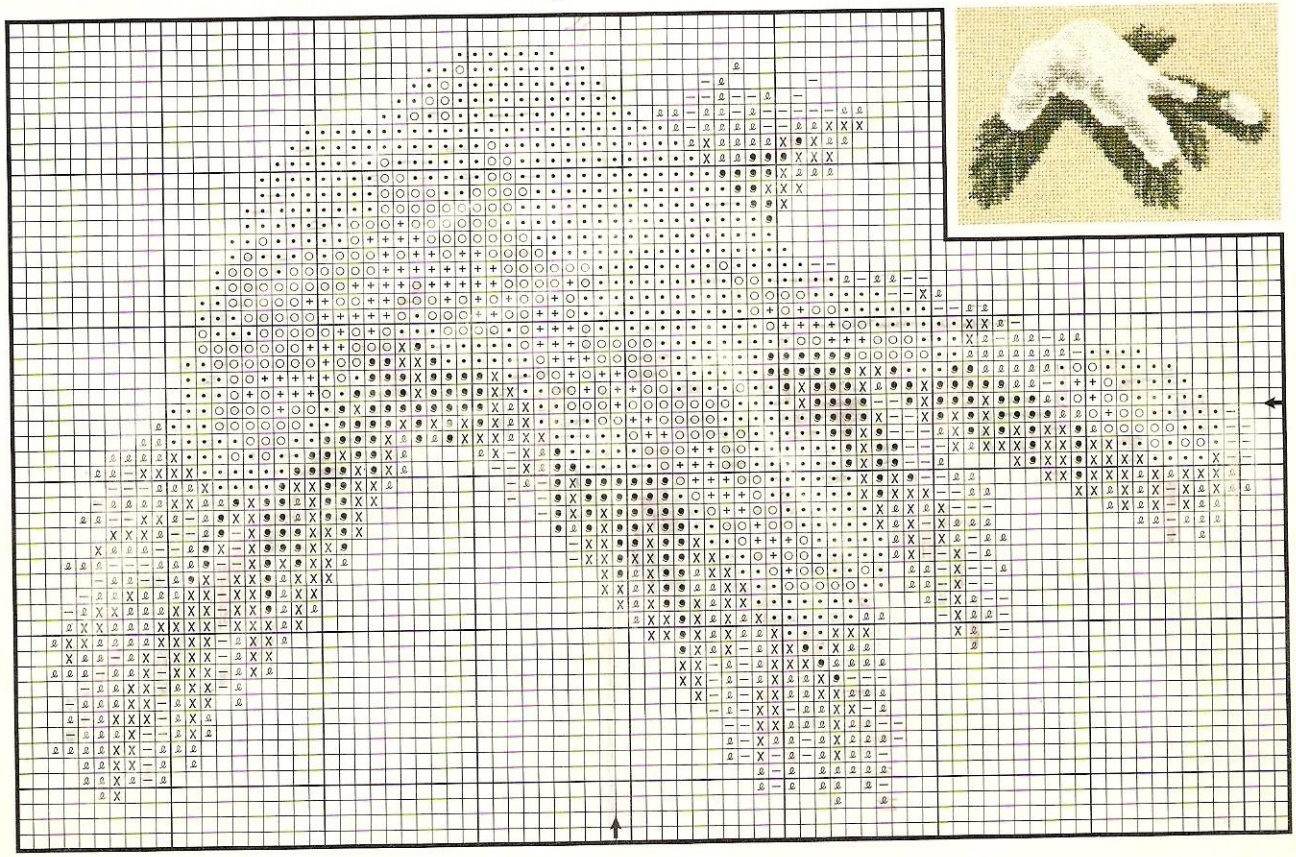
Stitched by Wava Harbison

Birds of Winter Afghan

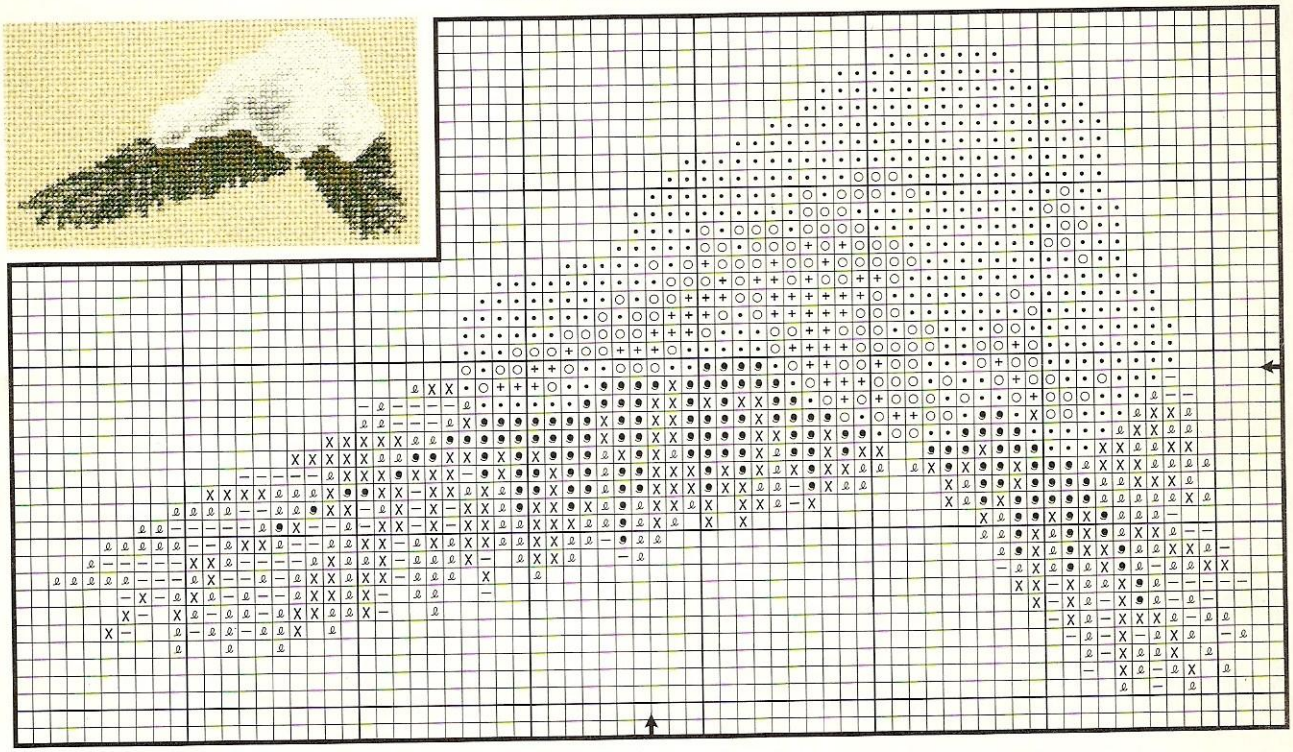
It's hard to think of a better way to spend a winter morning than cuddled in a comfy nook by the window looking out on the birds' happy activities. But even if you don't have a bay window or a big backyard, you can still enjoy stitching the birds of winter on a cozy Fireside Afghan from Wichelt Imports. Each of the four birds featured is a familiar favorite to North American bird-watchers, and each is stunning when alternated with a heavy-laden snow bough on the afghan.

Charts begin on page 20.

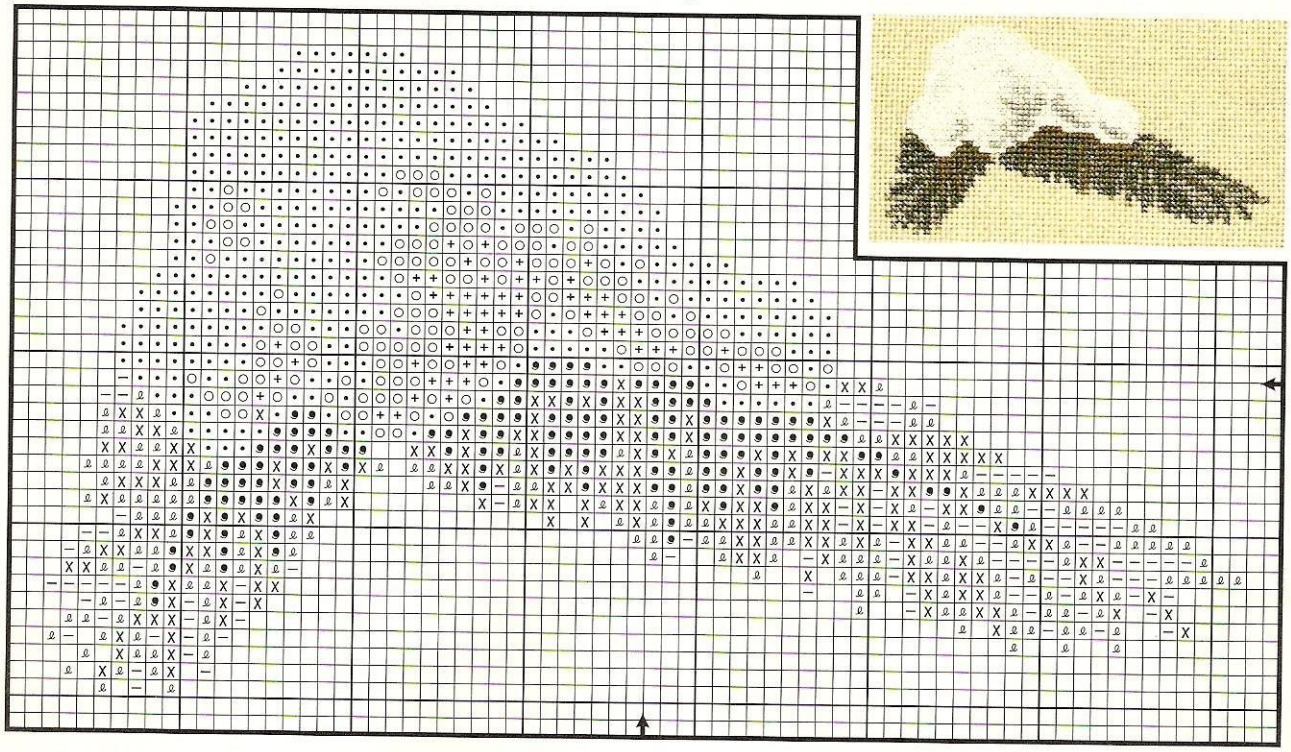
Larger Limb Chart



Small Limb Left Chart



Small Limb Right Chart



BIRDS OF WINTER AFGHAN

Designed by Marie Barber

Materials:

- **One 9 square x 7 square 18-count natural Fireside Afghan from Wichelt Imports, Inc.***
- **Three skeins each DMC® or Anchor® six-strand embroidery floss unless otherwise indicated****
- **Size 24 tapestry needle**

See "Where to Find It" on page 65.

****Refer to color code.***

	DMC®	Anchor®	
■	310	403	black
◤	844	1041	beaver gray, ul. lt.
◑	646	8581	beaver gray, dk.
?	648	900	beaver gray, lt.
	647	1040	beaver gray, med.
<	3072	397	beaver gray, vy. lt.
•	blanc	2	white (eight skeins)
○	775	128	baby blue, lt. (four skeins)
+	927	849	gray green, med.
–	522	860	fern green (five skeins)
ℓ	522	860	fern green
	520	862	fern green, dk.
X	520	862	fern green, dk. (five skeins)
●	520	862	fern green, dk.
	730	854	olive, vy. dk.
∩	842	1080	beige-brown, vy. lt.
£	841	1082	beige-brown, lt.
✳	840	1084	beige-brown, med.
	839	1086	beige-brown, dk.
♥	839	1086	beige-brown, dk.
3	3776	1048	mahogany, lt.
✖	400	351	mahogany, dk.
▲	433	358	brown, med.
a	3755	140	baby blue
✕	931	1034	antique blue, med.
⁄	307	289	lemon
)	444	291	lemon, dk.
	372	887	mustard, lt.
y	3821	305	straw
⊗	783	307	gold
★	780	309	topaz, vy. dk.
∞	471	265	avocado, vy. lt.
≥	470	266	avocado, lt.
@	937	268	avocado, med.

Stitch count:

Wren	52H x 78W
Snow Finch	44H x 83W
Snow Bunting	51H x 82W
Titmouse	62H x 78W
Larger Limb	50H x 79W
Smaller Limbs	38H x 70W

Design sizes:

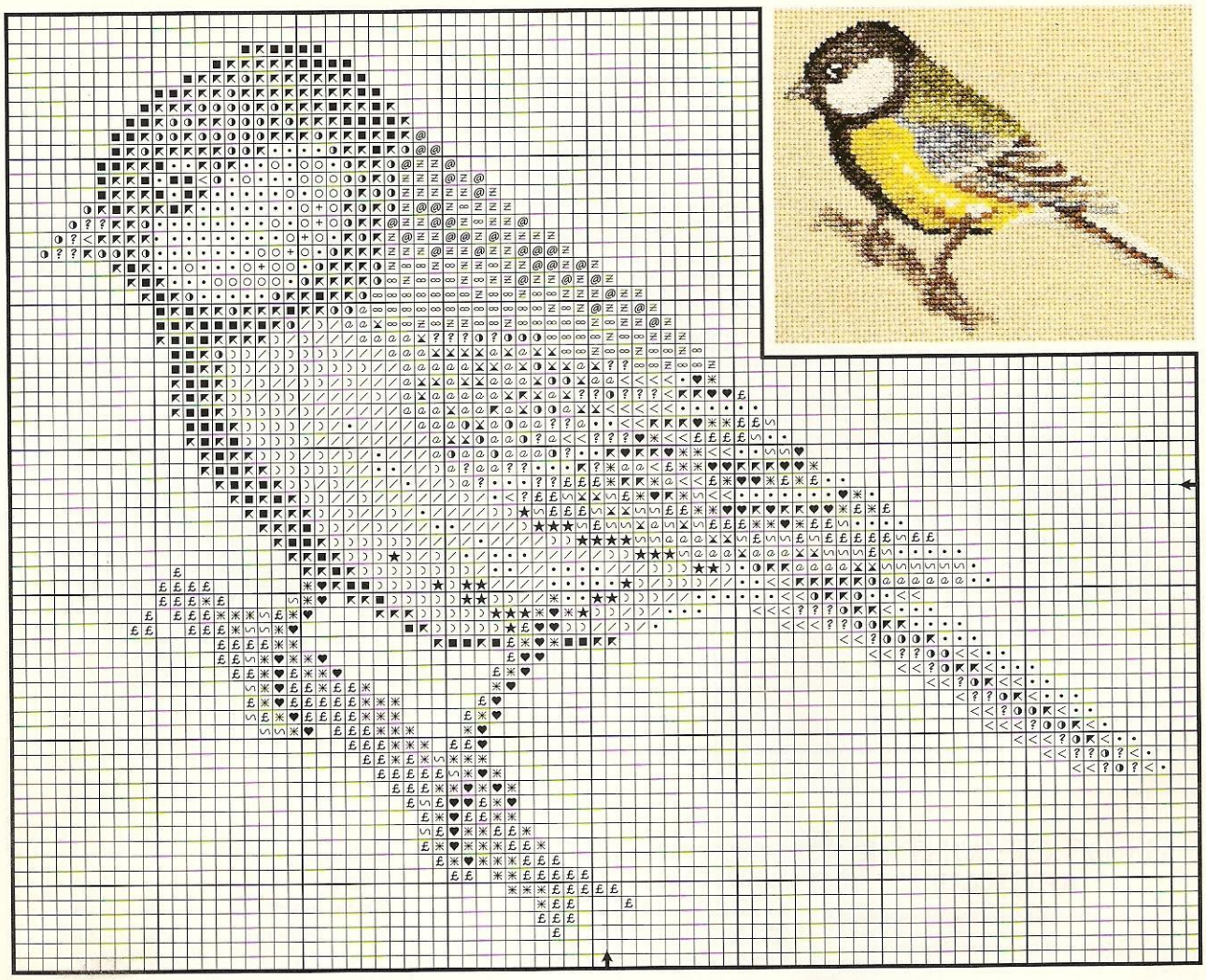
Wren	3" x 4 3/8"
Snow Finch	2 1/2" x 4 5/8"
Snow Bunting	3" x 4 5/8"
Titmouse	3 1/2" x 4 3/8"
Large snow bough	2 7/8" x 4 1/2"
Small snow boughs	2 1/8" x 4"

Instructions: Cross stitch over one thread, using two strands of floss. Refer to afghan schematic on page 51 for design placement.

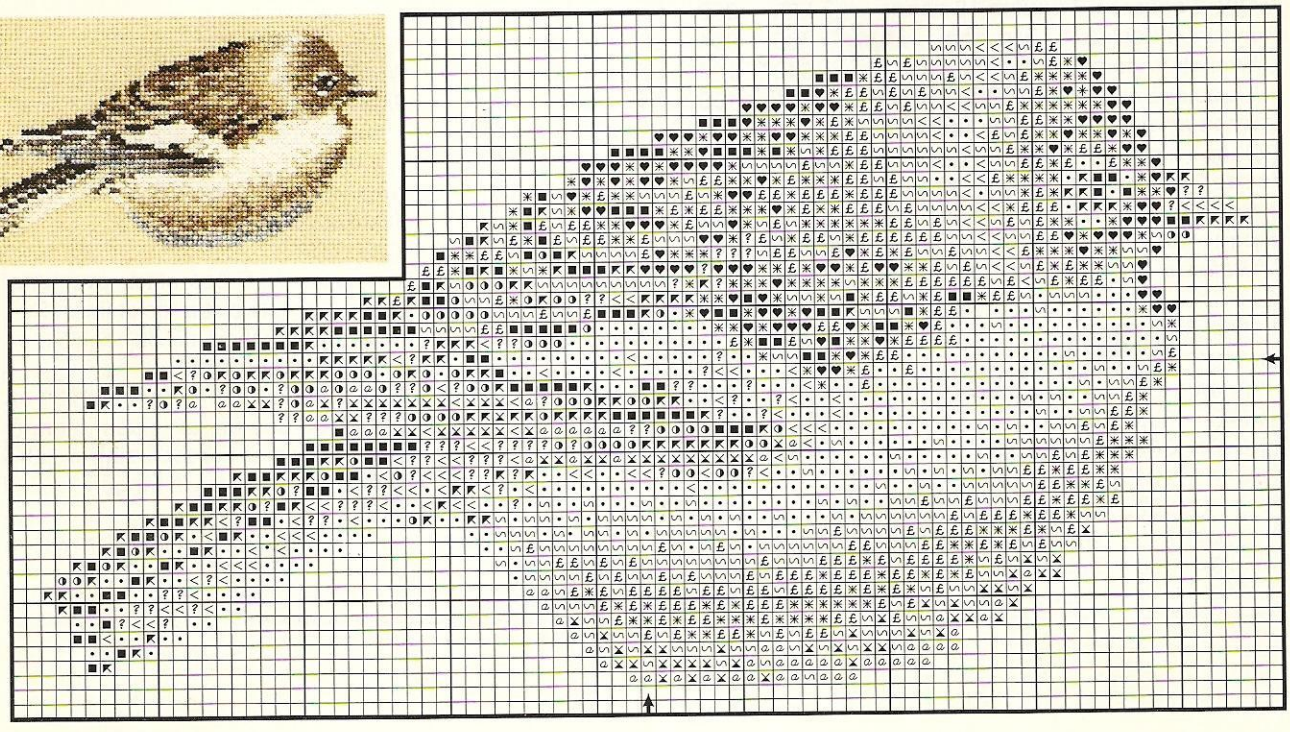
Trim afghan to within 1 1/2"–2" of woven border on all sides. Fringe afghan to woven border. Using six fabric threads, tie knots in fringe.

Stitched by Debbie Kendrick

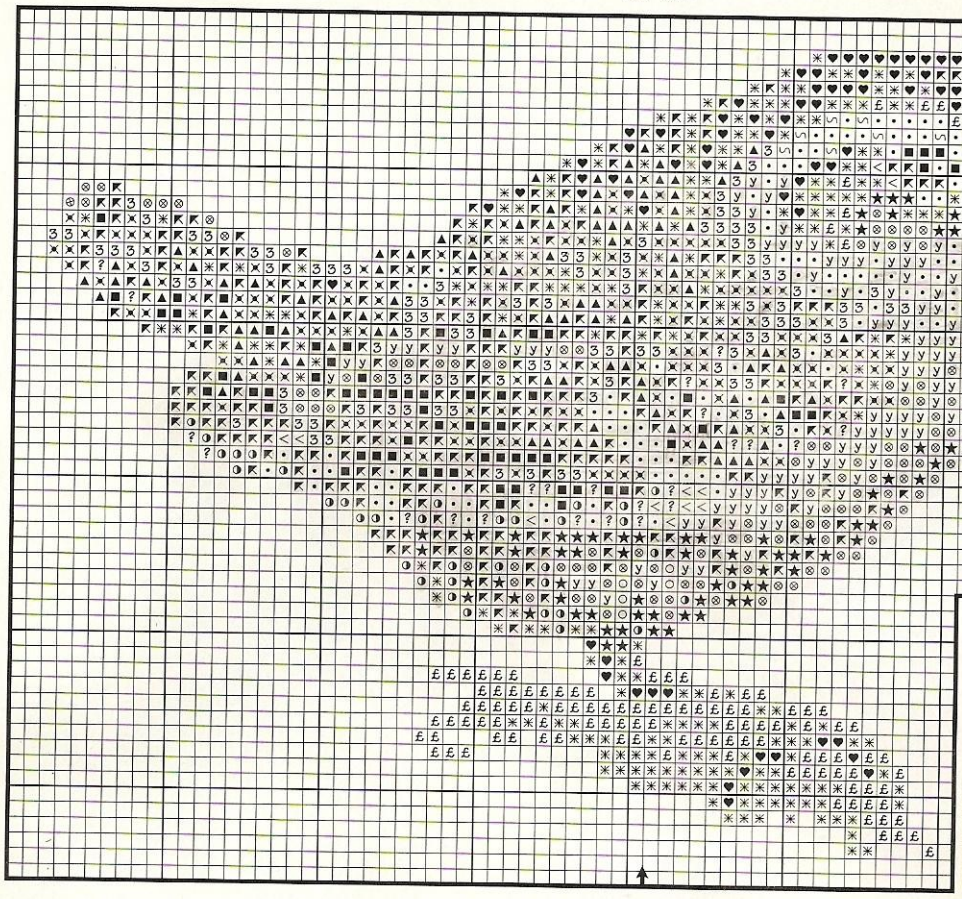
Titmouse



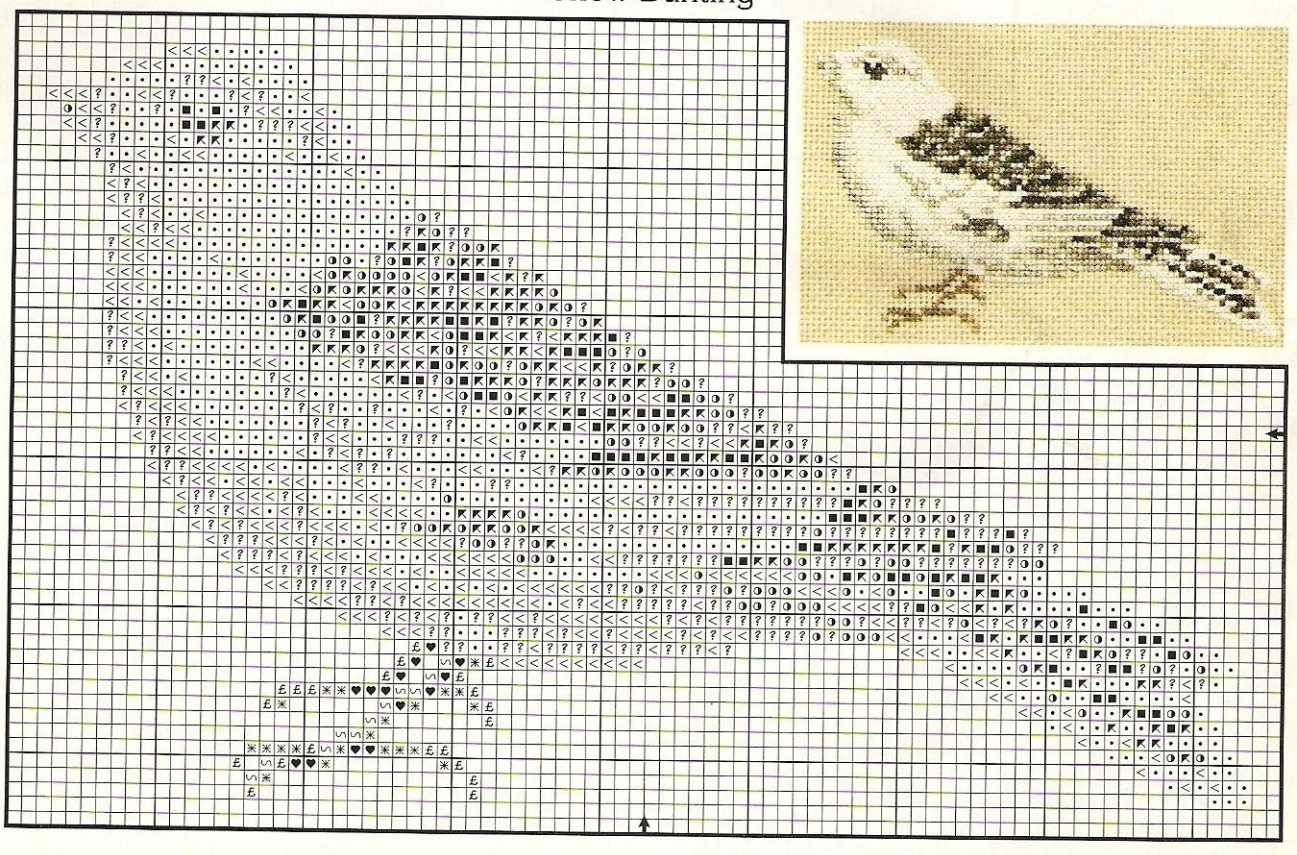
Snow Finch



Wren

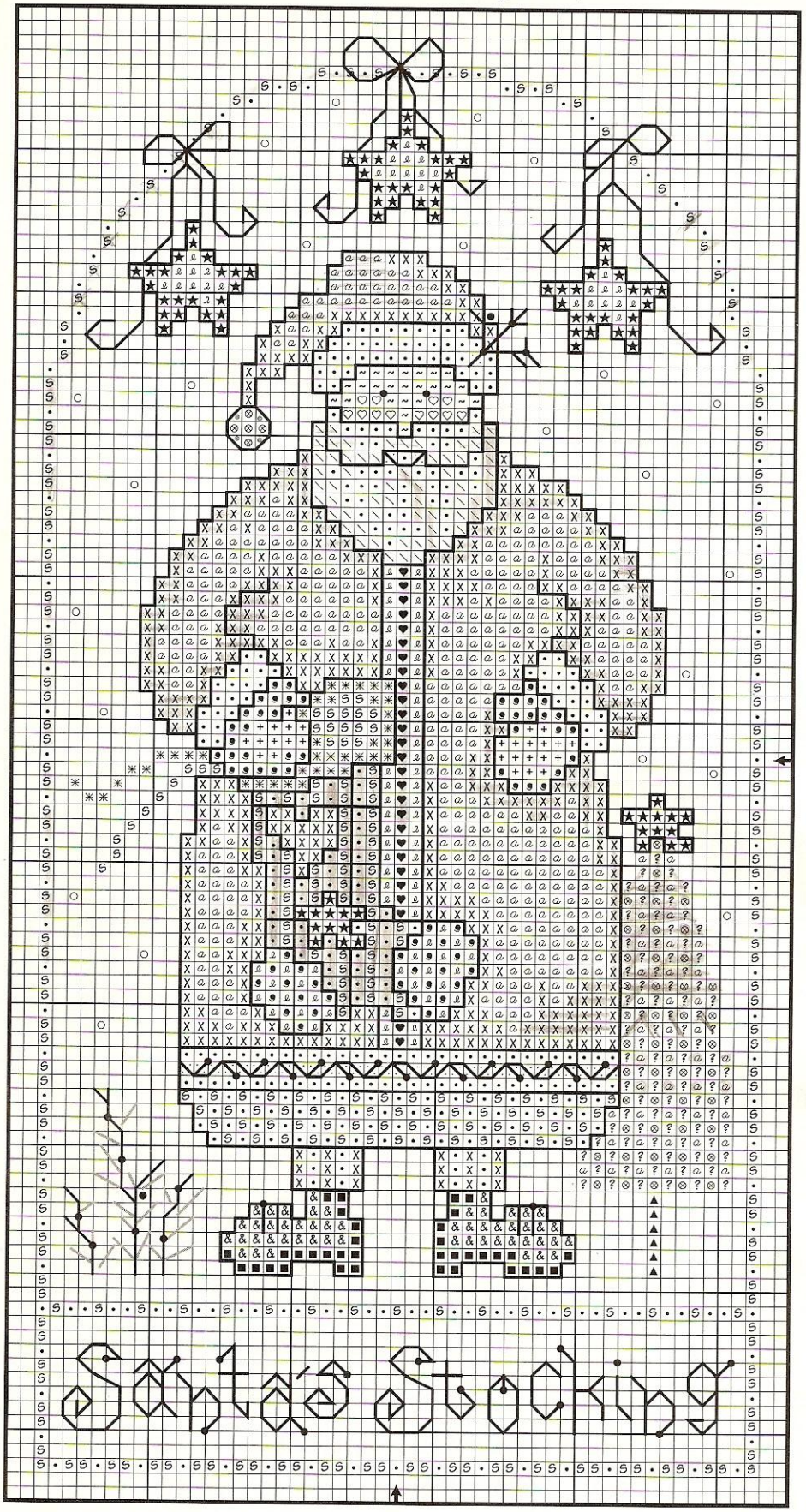


Snow Bunting



Santa's Stocking

Even Santa gets a stocking to hang by the fireplace on Christmas Eve! This whimsical design features Santa eagerly awaiting his Christmas morning presents delivered especially for him. Stitch it to remember that the Christmas season is for everyone—including Santa.



SANTA'S STOCKING

Designed by Gail Bussi
of Rosie's Garden

Materials:

- **One 12" x 9" piece 32-count lambswool linen from Wichelt Imports, Inc.***
- **One skein each DMC® or Anchor® six-strand embroidery floss****
- **One spool each Kreinik® Blending Filament****
- **Size 26 tapestry needle**
- **Professionally framed***

See "Where to Find It" on page 65.
****Refer to color code.***

	DMC®	Anchor®	
·	blanc	2	white
Ƨ	502	877	blue-green
♥	3721	896	pink, dk.
X	3722	1027	pink, med. dk.
a	223	895	pink, med.
ℓ	676	891	old gold, lt.
★	729	890	old gold, med.
๑	931	1034	antique blue, med.
+	932	1033	antique blue, lt.
\	762	234	pearl gray, vy. lt.
~	3774	778	flesh, vy. lt.
♡	3773	1008	flesh, med.
&	414	235	steel gray, dk.
■	317	400	pewter gray
?	3816	876	celadon green
✳	501	878	blue-green, dk.
–	611	898	drab brown, dk.
⊗	501	878	blue-green, dk.
	009BF	Kreinik	emerald
○	B5200	1	snow white
	032BF	Kreinik	pearl
bs	3799	236	pewter gray, vy. dk.

Stitch count: 101H x 51W
Design size: 6 1/3" x 3 1/4"

Instructions: Cross stitch over two threads, using two strands of floss. When two colors are bracketed together, use one strand of each. Backstitch using one strand of floss.

Work French knot where ● appears, using one strand of floss and wrapping floss around needle twice.

Backstitch (bs) instructions:

3721	896	lettering, plaid on stocking
501	878	stems
3799	236	remainder of backstitch

French-knot instructions:

3799	236	Santa's eyes
3721	896	remainder of French knots

Stitched by Catherine Bussi

Just a Little More Alma Lynne

by Susan L. Lewis

The Sassy Stitcher *This stitcher has the right idea—you don't have to stitch your stash to make it worth having. As Alma Lynne says, "You buy a chart for the idea that comes with it!" This piece is a perfect complement to your sewing room or favorite stitching nook. And if you wish, you can even stitch the verse to display alone.* Chart begins on page 30.

have
a time to
my

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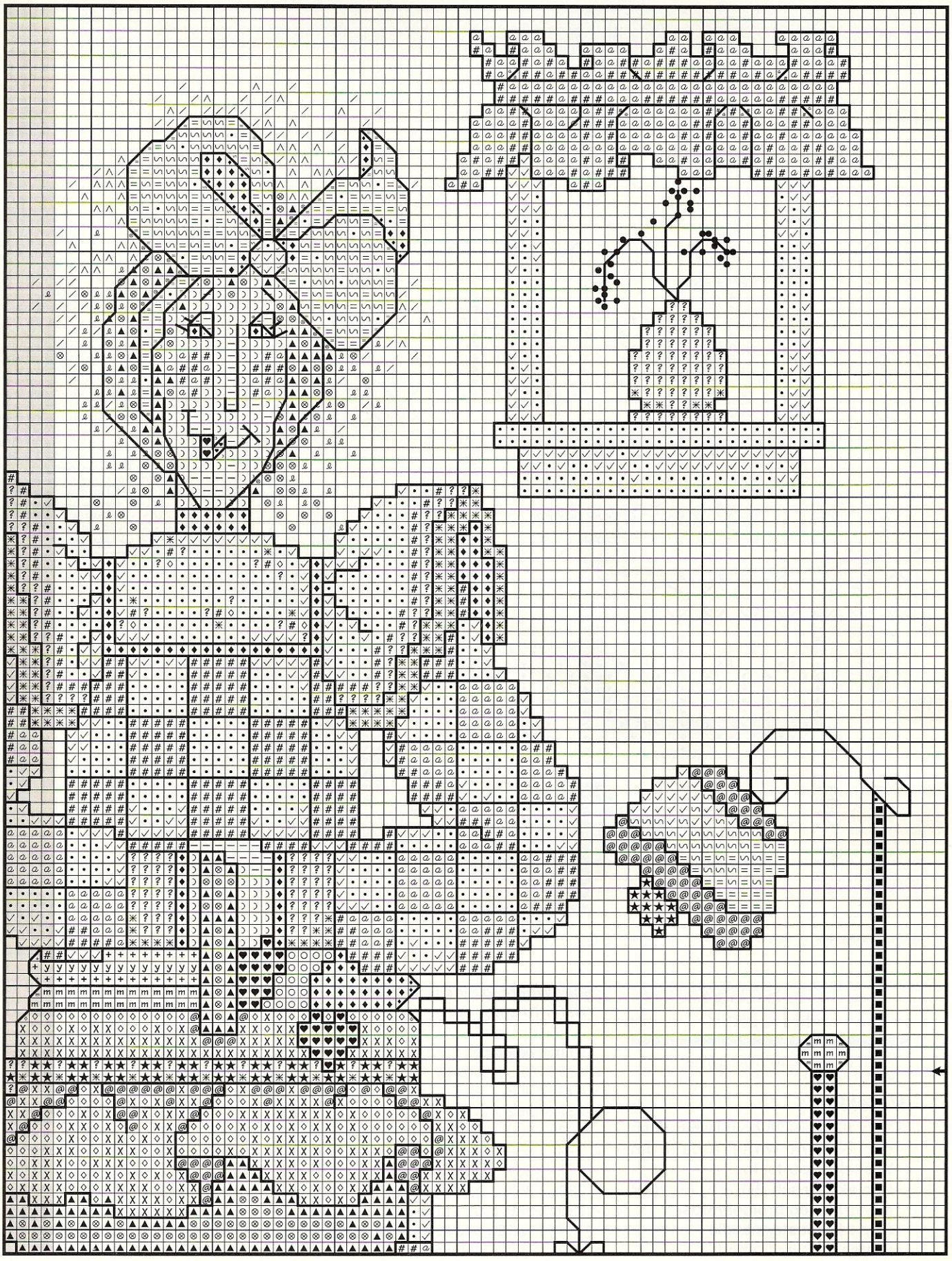

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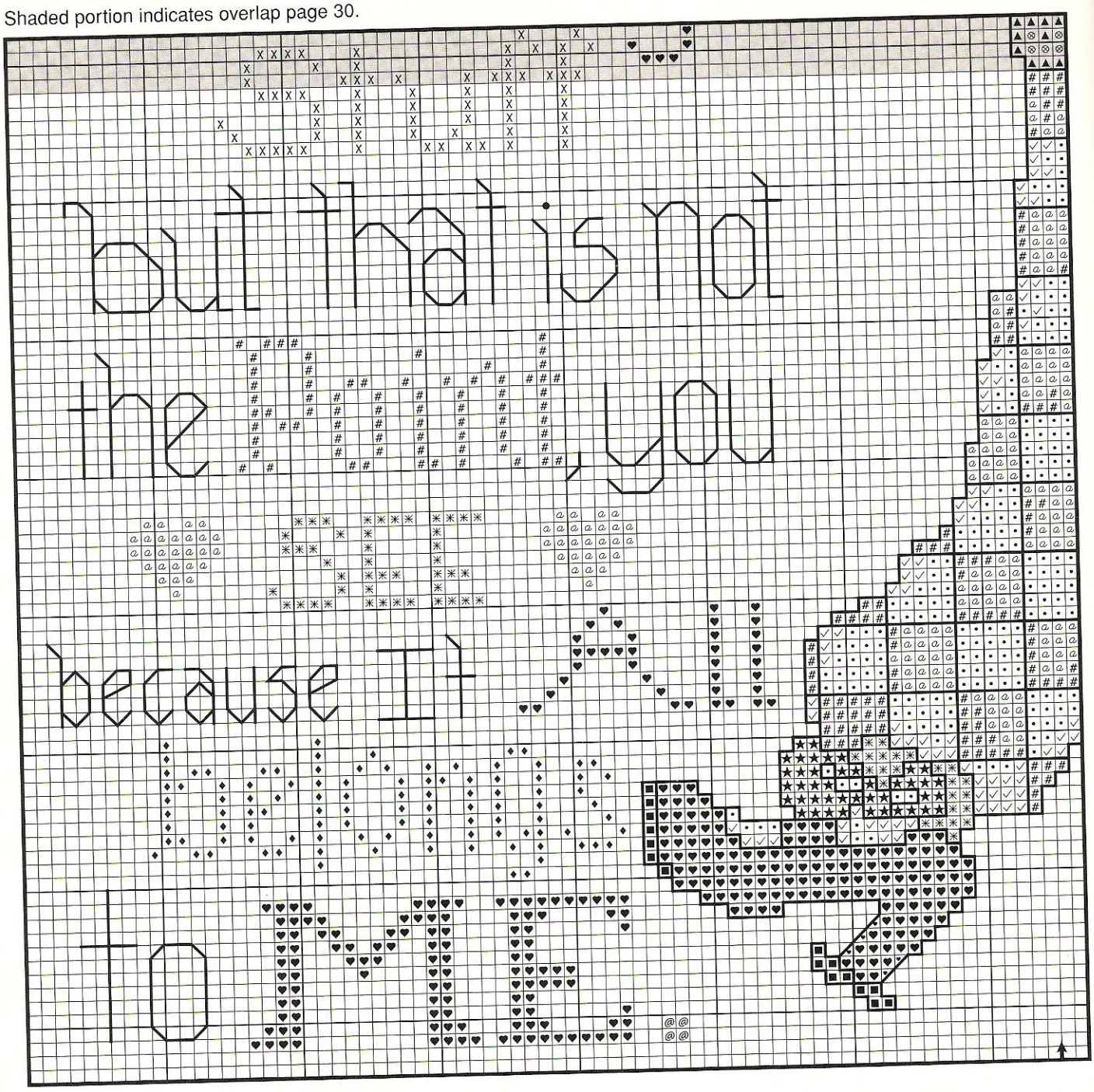

THE SASSY STITCHER

Designed by Alma Lynne

Materials:

- **18" x 16" piece 28-count white linen *or* 14-count white Aida from Wichelt Imports, Inc.***
- **One skein each DMC® or Anchor® six-strand embroidery floss****
- **Size 24 tapestry needle**
- **Professionally framed***

***See "Where to Find It" on page 65.**

****Refer to color code.**

	DMC®	Anchor®	
▲	435	365	brown, vy. lt.
⊗	436	363	tan
ℓ	437	362	tan, lt.
✳	522	860	fern green
?	523	859	fern green, lt.
y	677	361	old gold
∧	738	361	tan, vy. lt.
⁄	739	366	tan, ul. lt.
☽	754	1012	peach flesh, lt.
#	760	1022	salmon
a	761	1021	salmon, lt.
2	762	234	pearl gray, vy. lt.
○	819	271	baby pink, lt.
◆	931	1034	antique blue, med.
=	932	1033	antique blue, lt.
–	948	1011	peach flesh, vy. lt.
@	3041	871	antique violet, med.
X	3042	870	antique violet, lt.
■	3371	382	black-brown
♥	3712	1023	salmon, med.
m	3727	1016	mauve, lt.
◊	3743	869	antique violet, vy. lt.
∽	3752	1032	antique blue, vy. lt.
✓	3753	1031	antique blue, ul. vy. lt.

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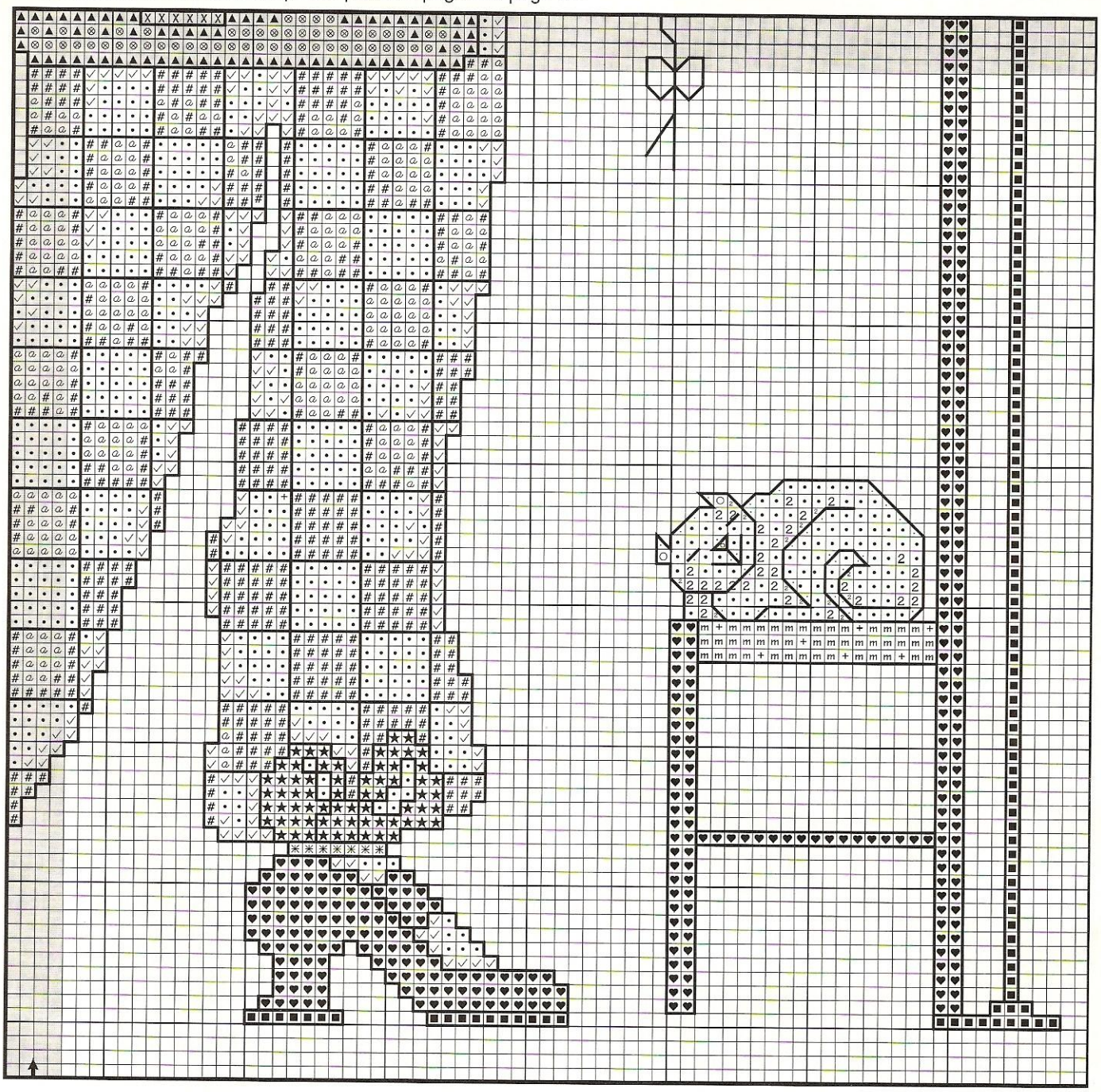


★	3822	295	straw, lt.
+	3823	386	yellow, ul. pl.
•	blanc	2	white
bs	844	1041	beaver gray, ul. dk.

Stitch count: 170H x 146W
Design size: 12¼" x 10½"

Instructions: Cross stitch over two threads on linen or over one square on Aida, using two strands of floss. Backstitch using one strand of floss. Work French knot where ● appears, using one strand of floss unless otherwise indicated and wrapping floss around needle once.

Backstitch (bs) instructions:

3041	871	*have, because It*
844	1041	*time to,* curtains
522	860	*my, to,* vase, flower stems
931	1034	*but that is not,* window
3712	1023	*the, you*
3371	382	remainder of backstitch

French-knot instructions:

844	1041	*time*
931	1034	*is*
522	860	remainder of French knots (two strands)

Stitched by Patricia Chaudoin

Herb Garden:

Mullein and Evening Primrose

Mullein and evening primrose are the final additions to this sure-to-delight herb garden that now includes false indigo and soapwort (August 2002) as well as catnip and woodruff (October 2002). Whether you choose to stitch the entire collection or just a few, you are certain to enjoy displaying them in your home.

MULLEIN

Designed by Marie Barber

Materials:

- **One 13" x 9" piece 28-count chardonnay Country French linen from Wichelt Imports, Inc.***
- **One skein each DMC® or Anchor® six-strand embroidery floss****
- **Size 24 tapestry needle**
- **Professionally framed***

***See "Where to Find It" on page 65.**

****Refer to color code.**

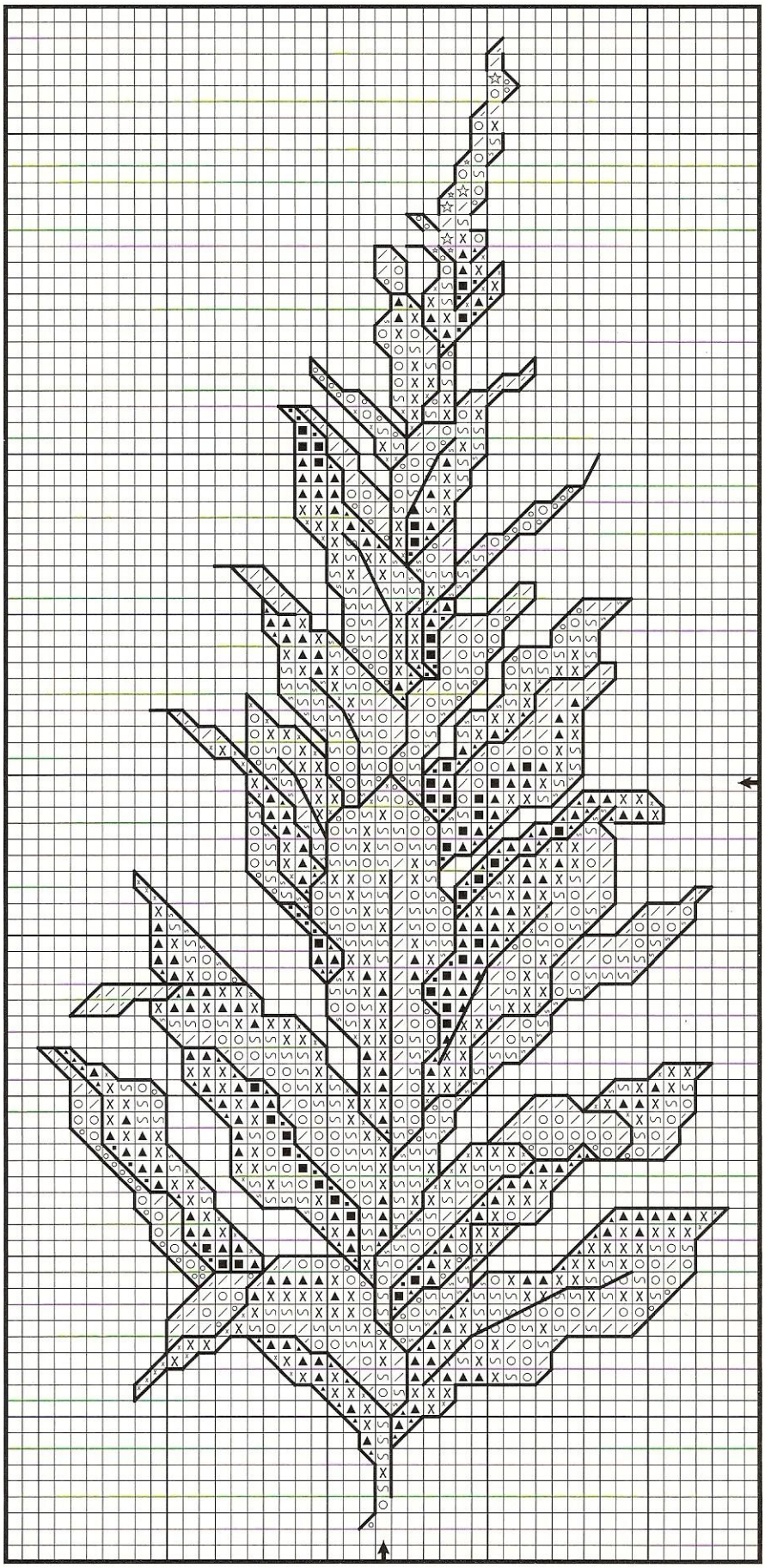
	DMC®	Anchor®	
☆	726	295	topaz, lt.
/	472	253	avocado, ul. lt.
○	471	265	avocado, vy. lt.
∽	470	266	avocado, lt.
X	469	267	avocado
▲	937	268	avocado, dk.
■	3345	263	hunter, dk.
bs	936	846	avocado, dk.

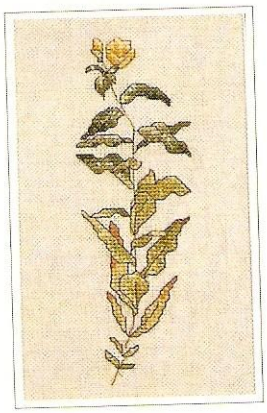
Stitch count: 93H x 43W
Design size: 6⅔" x 3⅛"

Instructions: Cross stitch over two threads, using two strands of floss. When two colors are bracketed together, use one strand of each. Backstitch (bs) using one strand 936/846.

Stitched by Debbie Carlisle

Mullein Chart





EVENING PRIMROSE

Designed by Marie Barber

Materials:

- **One 13" x 9" piece 28-count chardonnay Country French linen from Wichelt Imports, Inc.***
- **One skein each DMC® or Anchor® six-strand embroidery floss****
- **Size 24 tapestry needle**
- **Professionally framed***

***See "Where to Find It" on page 65.**

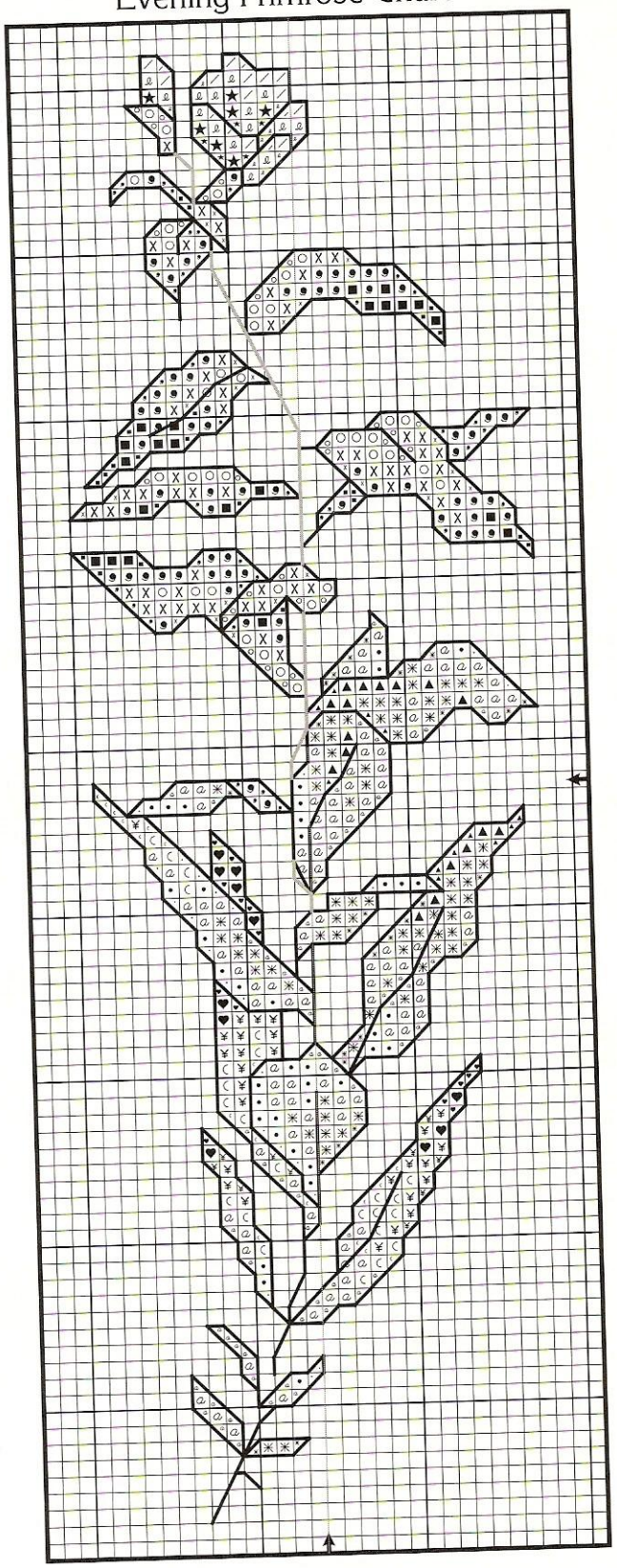
****Refer to color code.**

	DMC®	Anchor®	
/	744	301	yellow, pl.
ℓ	725	305	topaz
★	783	307	gold
○	3348	264	yellow-green, lt.
X	3347	266	yellow-green, med.
๑	3346	267	hunter
■	3345	263	hunter, dk.
♥	976	1001	gold-brown, med.
¥	972	298	canary, dp.
	471	265	avocado, vy. lt.
(	3827	311	golden brown, pl.
	472	253	avocado, ul. lt.
•	472	253	avocado, ul. lt.
a	472	253	avocado, ul. lt.
	581	281	moss green
✳	581	281	moss green
▲	580	924	moss green, dk.
bs	420	374	hazelnut, dk.
bs	3051	845	gray-green, dk.

Stitch count: 89H x 29W
Design size: 6 3/8" x 2 1/8"

Instructions: Cross stitch over two threads, using two strands of floss. When two colors are bracketed together, use one strand of each. Backstitch using one strand of floss.

Evening Primrose Chart



Backstitch (bs) instructions:

420	374	flower, lower portion of stalk
581	281	remainder of stalk where gray line appears
3051	845	leaves

In the Meadow

This jolly fellow, stitched in hand-dyed floss, could stand in the meadow throughout winter without showing signs of melting and be displayed all year without wearing out his welcome. His sizeable midsection and wily grin coupled with his turkey-stitched scarf and ski hat lend him a cheery warmth despite his frosty exterior. Chart begins on page 38.

IN THE MEADOW

Designed by Sally Farrington of Out on the Porch Designs

Materials:

- **One 13" x 12" piece 18-count star sapphire linen from Wichelt Imports, Inc.***
- **One skein each Weeks Dye Works Hand Dyed Floss unless otherwise indicated****
- **Size 24 tapestry needle**
- **Professionally framed***

***See "Where to Find It" on page 65.**
****Refer to color code.**

Weeks Dye Works Hand Dyed Floss	
· 1091	whitewash (four skeins)
♥ 1339	bordeaux
■ 1306	navy
☆ 2228	pumpkin
bs 1326	rust

Stitch count: 117H x 95W
Design size: 6½" x 5⅓"

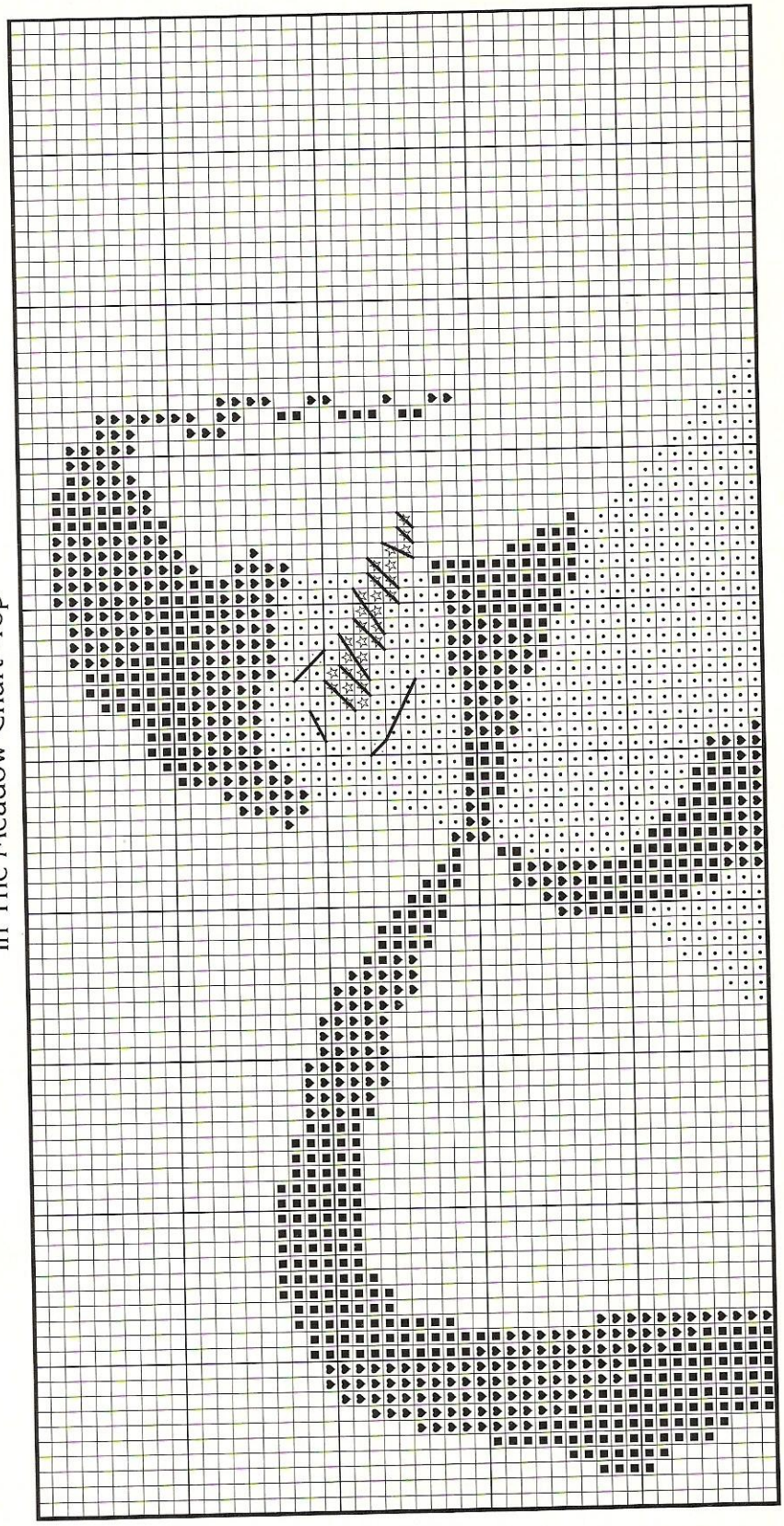
Instructions: Cross stitch over one thread, using two strands of floss. Backstitch using two strands 1326.

Work turkey stitch, using two strands 1339 for fringe on scarf. Repeat using two strands 1306. Clip loops to create fringe.

Make a small tassel, using 1306 and referring to tassel-making instructions below. Attach tassel to tip of hat, using tassel tail.

Stitched by Sally Farrington

In The Meadow Chart–Top



TASSEL-MAKING HOW-TOS

Materials:

- **Three 6" lengths Weeks Dye Works 1306 Hand Dyed Floss**
- **1" x 1" piece sturdy cardboard**
- **Large-eye sharp needle**
- **Scissors**

1. Wrap one 6" length of floss around cardboard, referring to Illustration 1 and being careful not to bend cardboard by wrapping floss too tightly.
2. Slip another 6" length of floss under wrapped floss at top edge of cardboard and tie securely, referring to Illustration 2. Do not trim floss tails.
3. Carefully remove cardboard.
4. Referring to Illustration 3, wind remaining 6" length of floss around neck of tassel tightly, ⅛" from top of tassel. Thread needle with floss tails and pierce neck of tassel, burying floss ends in tassel.
5. Cut along bottom of tassel through all fibers. Trim bottom of tassel to desired length and so that floss is even.

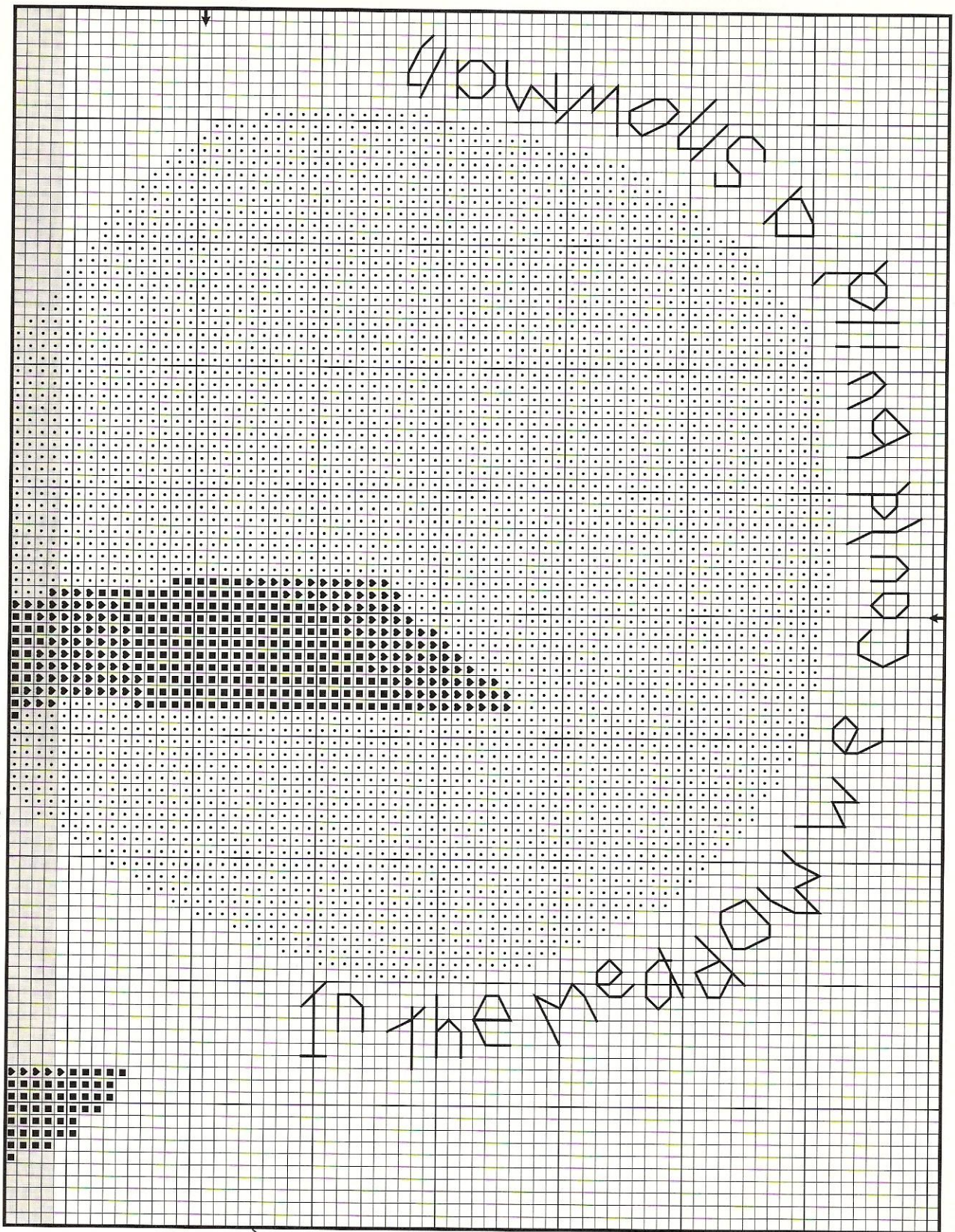


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Illustration 1

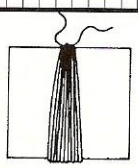


Illustration 2

Illustration 3

Cozy Toes

Brilliant flame stitches make this stocking created by Sandra Murray an ornament to remember. The use of a pre-finished mini-stocking avoids the need for complicated finishing techniques, making this design a quick gift. Designed to celebrate this year's Creative Arts and Textiles Shows (CATS) held in several sites throughout the United States, this ornament is certain to be a favorite for many Christmas seasons to come.

Instructions begin on page 44.

COZY TOES

Designed by Sandra Murray for Creative Arts and Textiles Show

Materials:

- **One 28-count linen stocking ornament from Adam Original***
- **Two skeins each DMC® or Anchor® six-strand embroidery floss unless otherwise indicated****
- **Two skeins Anchor® Marlitt rayon embroidery floss****
- **Twelve heart-shaped brass charms***
- **Size 24 tapestry needle**
- **1 yd. maroon/gold cord from Europa Trims***

See "Where to Find It" on page 65.

****Refer to color code.***

DMC®	Anchor®	
986	246	forest, vy. dk.
743	302	yellow, med.
3830	5975	terra-cotta
970	925	pumpkin, lt. (one skein)

Anchor® Marlitt	
844	maroon

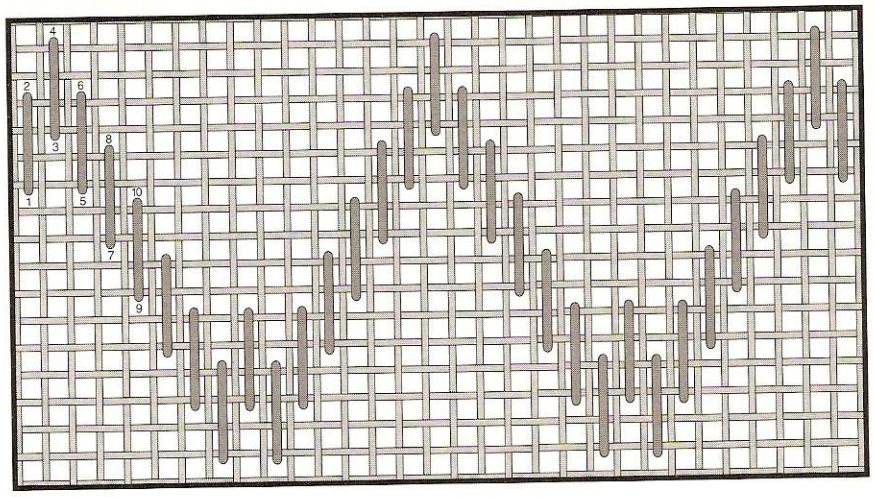
Instructions: Begin stitching Row 1 approximately 1" from top of stocking. Work flame stitch over four threads, using six strands of floss. **NOTE:** Do not separate floss strands.

Referring to illustrations for each row, work pattern for rows to fill stocking completely, using the following colors: Row 1—844, Row 2—986/246, Row 3—743/302, Row 4—3830/5975, and Row 5—970/925.

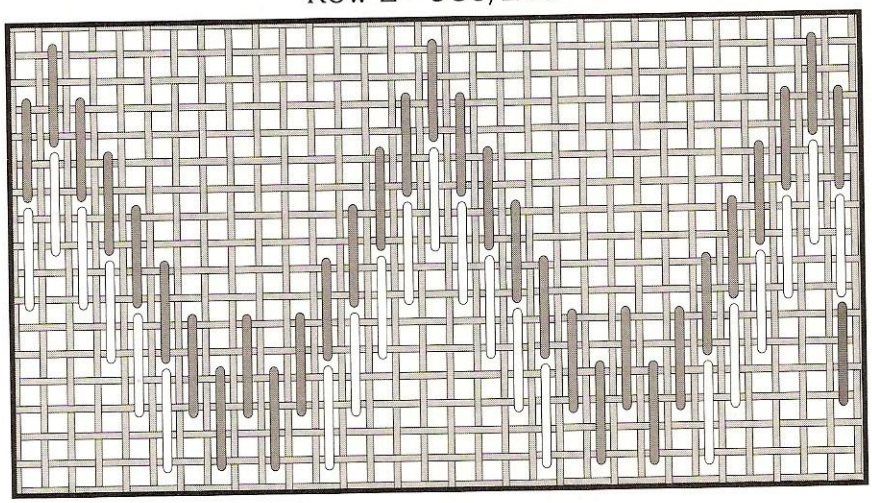
Attach charms randomly and upside down to resemble flames of fire, using two strands of matching floss.

Blind stitch cord to edge of stocking, referring to photo on page 43 for placement.

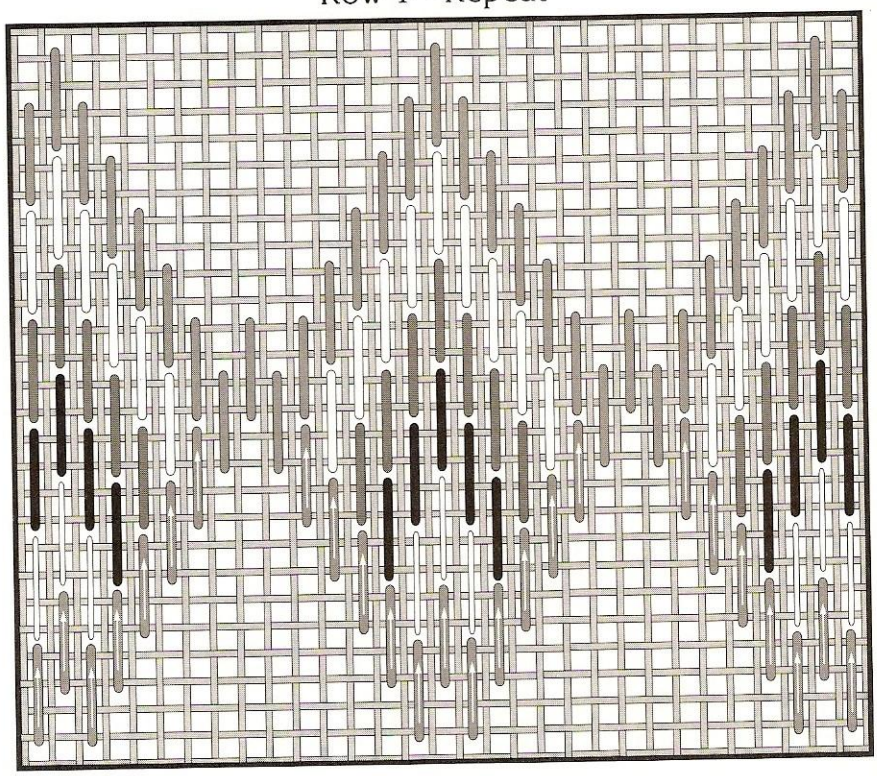
Row 1—844



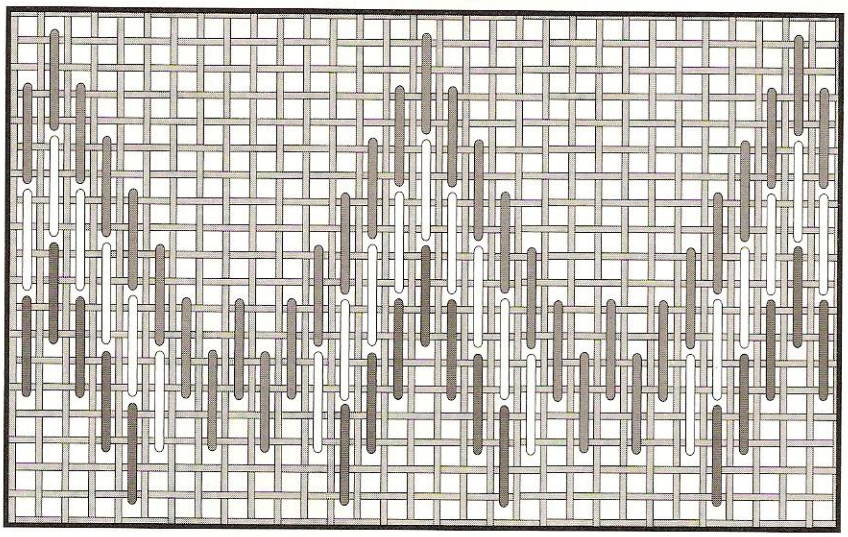
Row 2—986/246



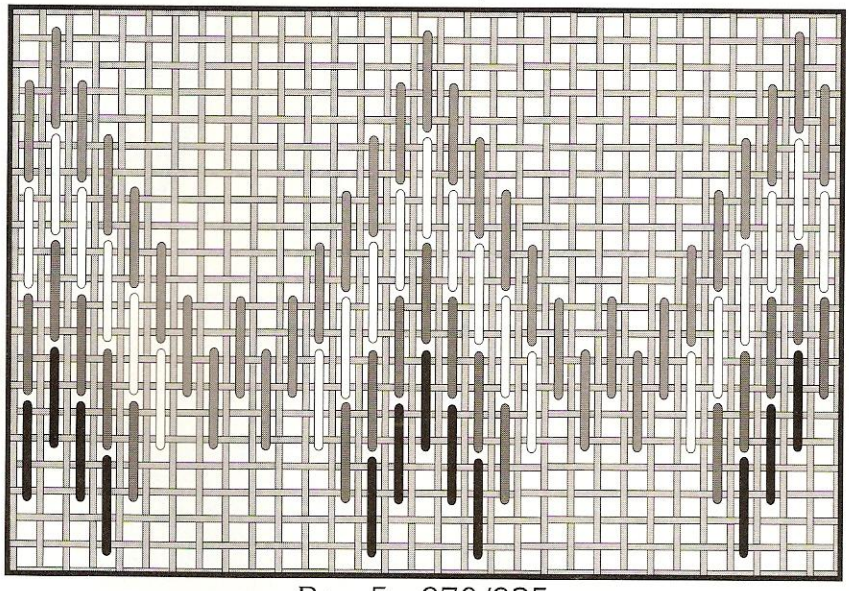
Row 1—Repeat



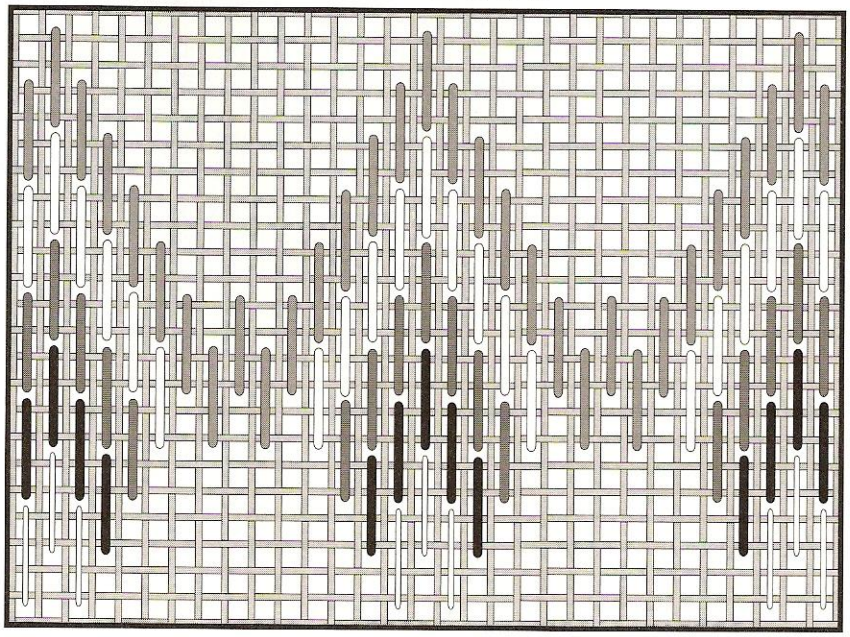
Row 3—743/302



Row 4—3830/5975



Row 5—970/925



OUR STITCHERS ASK

Does anyone know where I can find counted cross-stitch patterns of rodeo scenes?

LeAnn Grover
Box 102, 201 West Oak
Morrowville, KS 66958

I'm looking for a "No Smoking" sign in counted cross stitch. Can anyone help me?

Shirley Lorimer
Box 776
Smokey Lake, Alberta T0A 3C0
Canada

I am looking for *St. Michaels, Maryland Waterfront* by Barbara Noel of the Heirloom Series leaflets. I'm willing to pay any costs involved.

Mary E. Barger
108 King's Court
Waynesboro, VA 22980

I am trying to locate a charted sampler by Merrily A. Beams named "Prize Your Liberty." Any help on where I might be able to locate this would be greatly appriciated.

Kelly
USAFGFS@aol.com

I'm looking for the charts for two Victorian houses by Terrie Lee Steinmeyer. They were offered as kits in the early 1990s in *The Stitchery* catalog. I will buy charts only or kits and gladly pay any costs involved.

Ruth A. Schaffer
RD 1 125N Ridge Street
Monroeville, OH 44847

I'm looking for two leaflets: *Christmas Traditions—Christmas Tree* and *Christmas Traditions—Santa* (leaflets #3 and #4). They were designed by Cathy Livingston.

mayden53@cinci.rr.com

I have a grandson that is nuts over dinosaurs. I'm looking for a chart of four or five dinosaurs with "I love dinosaurs" at the bottom.

Tommie G. Reagan
1006 Emerald Lane
Fortuna, CA 95540-2803

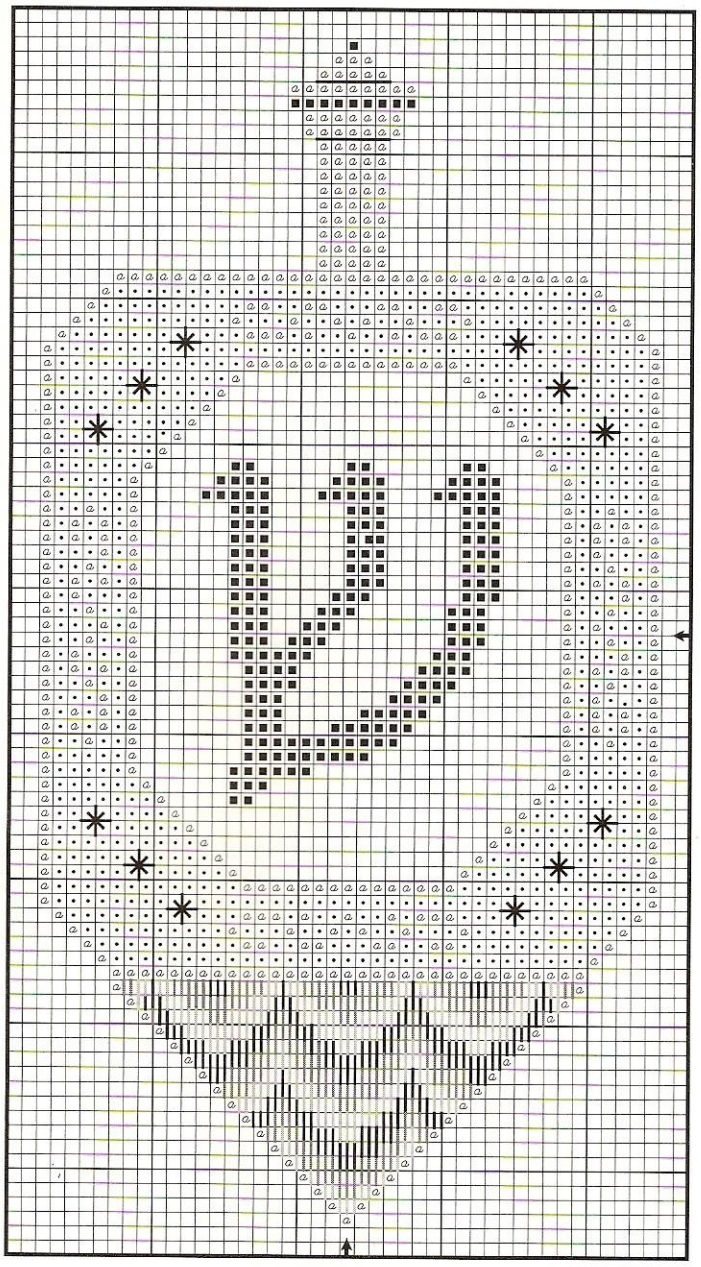
(continued on page 55)

Dreidle Gelt Bag

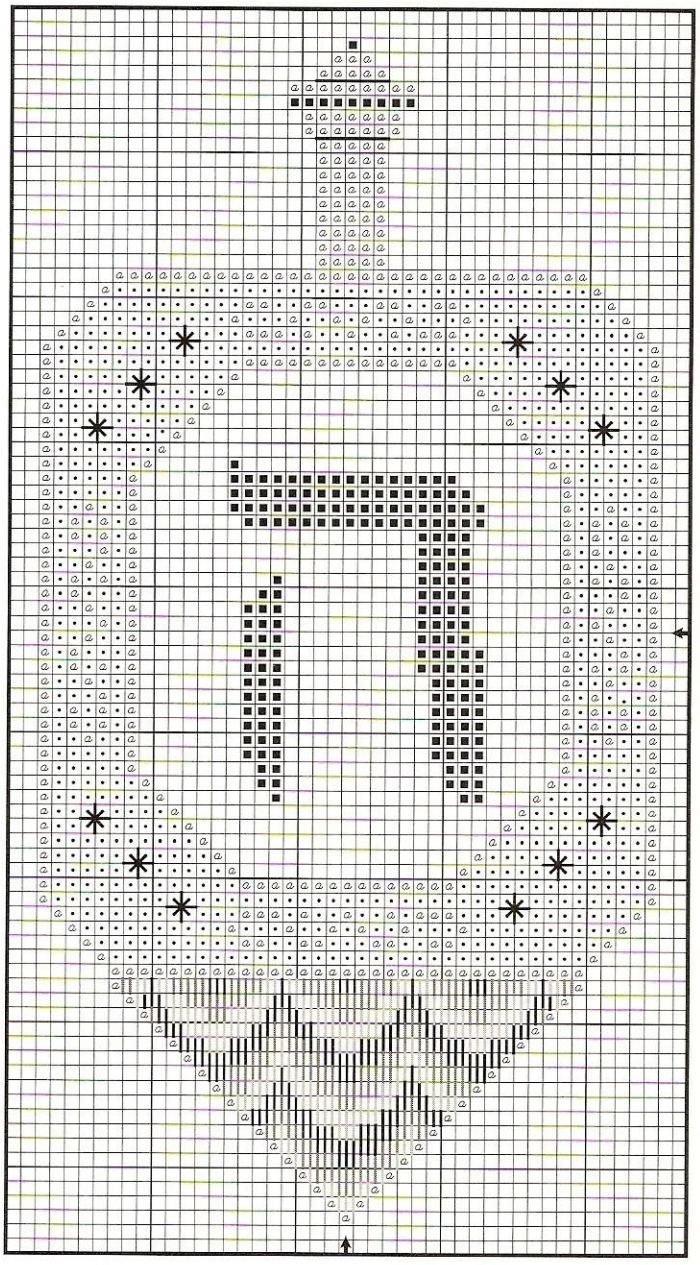
This unique gelt bag is modeled after a favorite toy used to celebrate Hanukkah. Each Hebrew symbol on the dreidel represents the first letter in the words of the phrase "Nes gadol hayah sham," meaning "A great miracle happened there." *Gelt* is the Yiddish word for small gifts of money or food given during this season. Stitch this gelt bag as a gift for a child in your family or simply to remember the miracle of Hanukkah.

Charts begin on page 49.

Dreidl Gelt Bag Chart–Shin



Dreidl Gelt Bag Chart–Heh



DREIDL GELT BAG

Designed by Lenore Fischer of At River's End

Materials:

- **Four 14" x 5" pieces 28-count ice blue Cashel® linen from Zweigart®***
- **One skein each Anchor® or DMC® six-strand embroidery floss unless otherwise indicated****
- **One spool each Kreinik® Fine Braid #8****
- **Two spools Kreinik® Very Fine Braid #4****
- **Size 24 tapestry needle**

***See "Where to Find It" on page 65.*

***Refer to color code.*

NOTE: Finishing instructions are on page 50.

	Anchor®	DMC®	
•	1	B5200	snow white (two skeins)
■	150	336	delft blue, vy. dk.

Kreinik® Very Fine Braid #4

a	221	antique gold

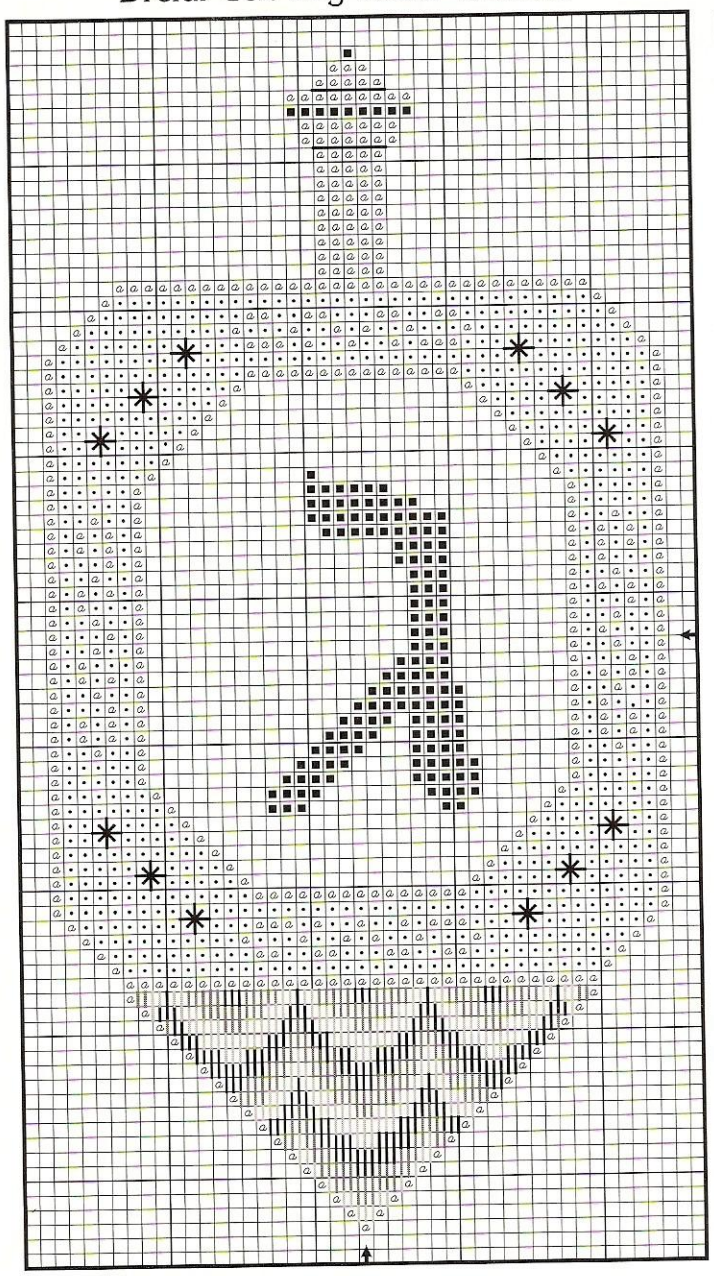
Kreinik® Fine Braid #8

002	gold
018	navy
032	pearl

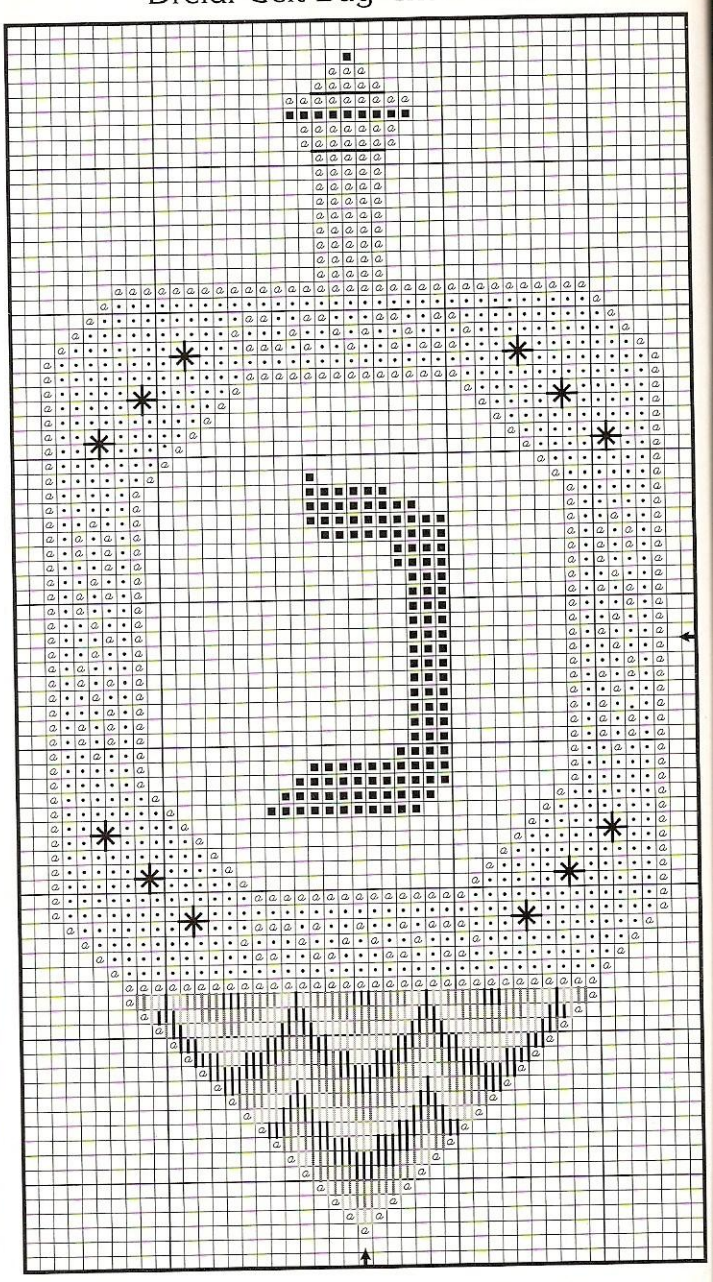
Stitch count per panel: 82H x 43W
Design size per panel: 5 7/8" x 3 1/8"

Instructions: Begin stitching each design, 3 7/8" up from bottom of each piece of fabric.

Dreidl Gelt Bag Chart–Gimmel



Dreidl Gelt Bag Chart–Nun



Cross stitch over two threads, using two strands of floss or one strand of fine braid or very fine braid. Backstitch handle, using one strand 018.

Work star stitch over four threads, using one strand 221.

Work Florentine stitch for base, using one strand 018 where heavy black lines appear, one strand 002 where medium gray lines appear, and one strand 032 where light gray lines appear.

Stitched and Finished by Lenore Fischer

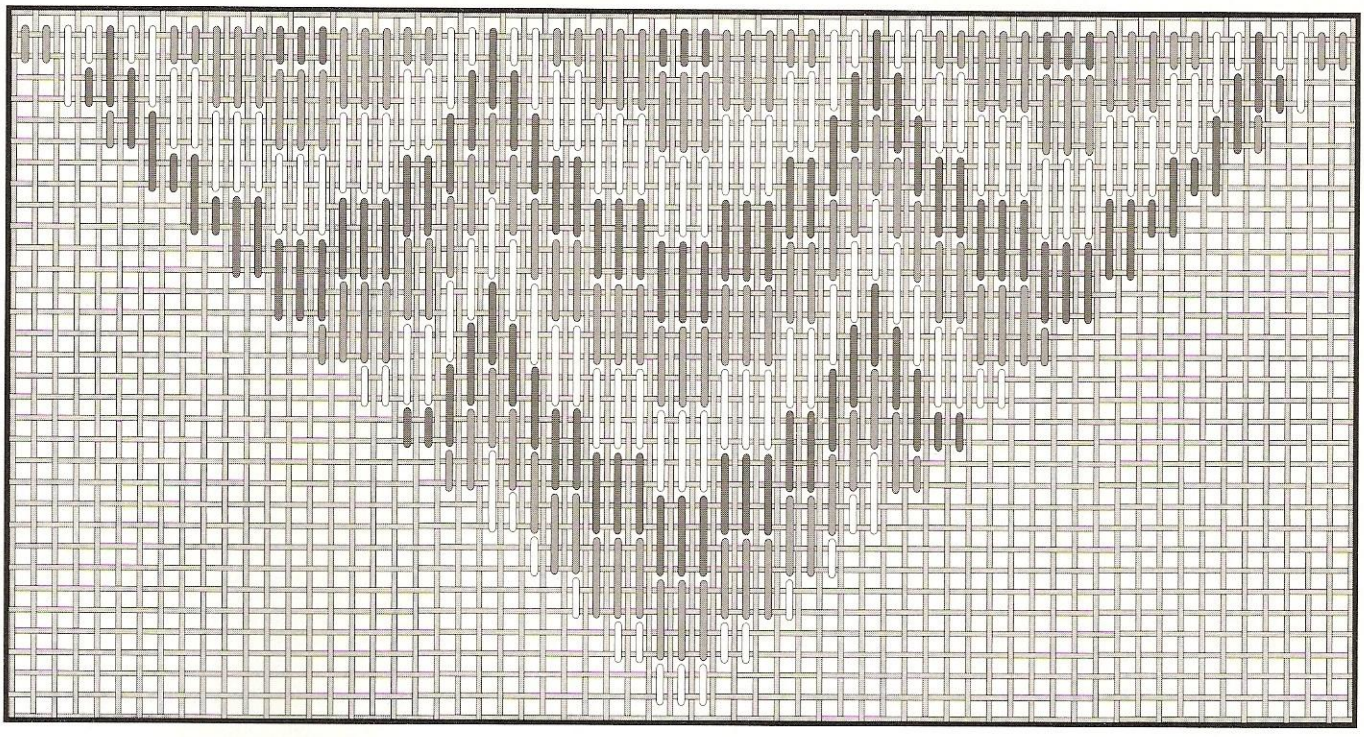
FINISHING INSTRUCTIONS

Materials:

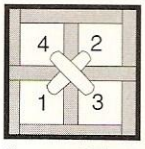
- **One 5" x 5" piece ice blue Cashel® linen from Zweigart®**
- **Sewing thread to match linen**
- **One 3¾" x 3¾" piece matboard or sturdy cardboard**
- **24" length twisted cording or ribbon to complement stitched designs**
- **Straight pins**
- **Scissors**
- **Measuring tape or ruler**
- **Steam iron**
- **Sewing machine**

1. Place stitched pieces right-side up and side-by-side (right to left) in the following order: *nun, gimmel, heh, shin.* With right sides together, sew each side piece to the next, using a ½" seam allowance. In the same manner, sew *shin* to *nun* so that a tube is formed. Press seams open.
2. With right sides together, pin square piece of linen to bottom of linen tube (bag). Carefully sew bottom to sides, using a ½" seam allowance. Press.
3. Fold over a ½" hem at top of bag. Blind stitch hem in place.
4. Turn bag right-side out; press.
5. Place matboard or cardboard in bottom of bag for stability.
6. Use cording or ribbon to tie top of bag closed.

Florentine Stitch–Color Order



Stitch ILLUSTRATIONS



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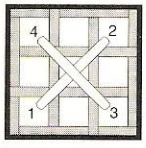

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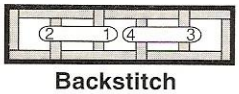
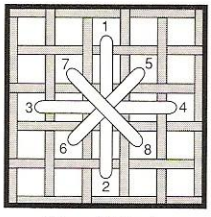
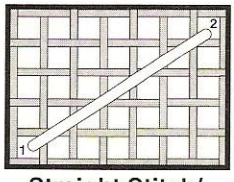


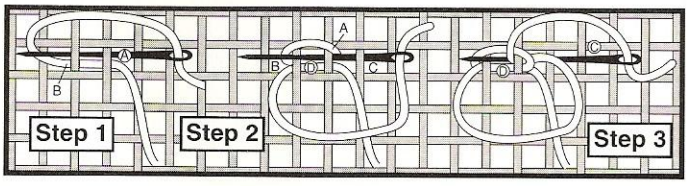
Backstitch (Over Two)



Star Stitch

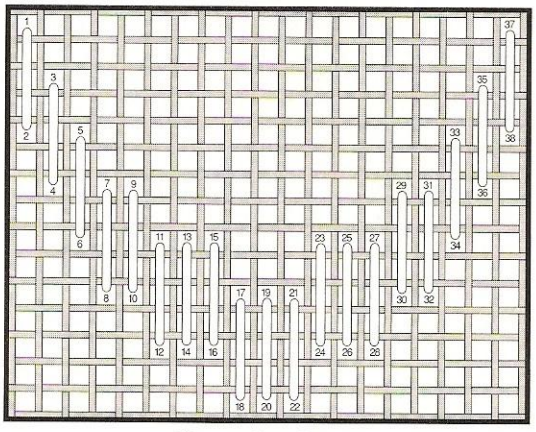


Straight Stitch/ Long Stitch

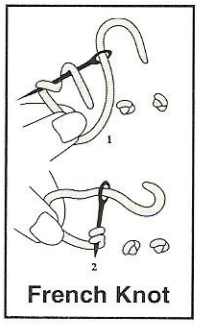


Turkey Stitch

Attaching a Bead with Cross Stitch



Florentine Stitch



French Knot

	Larger Limb		Snow Bunting		Larger Limb	
Larger Limb						Larger Limb
Small Limb Left			Snow Finch			Larger Limb Left
Snow Finch		Wren		Snow Bunting		Titmouse
Small Limb Left			Titmouse			Small Limb Right
Larger Limb						Larger Limb
	Larger Limb		Wren		Larger Limb	

Birds of Winter Afghan Schematic

Together for Christmas

This cozy cottage is more than just a house when filled with friends and family gathered together to celebrate Christmas. The warm glow illuminating the windows of this happily decorated bungalow makes it easy to imagine the joyful sounds of carols and laughter ringing out inside. This holiday season, remember to savor the sweet fellowship of family as you participate in the traditions and homecomings that make this such a special time of year. *Chart begins on page 54.*

TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS

Designed by Julia Lucas

Materials:

- **One 13" x 13" piece 28-count twilight blue Silk & Linen from Wichelt Imports, Inc.***
- **One skein each DMC® or Anchor® six-strand embroidery floss****
- **One spool each Kreinik® Blending Filament****
- **One spool each Kreinik® Fine Braid #8****
- **Size 24 tapestry needle**
- **Professionally framed***

***See "Where to Find It" on page 65.*
****Refer to color code.***

	DMC®	Anchor®	
•	3865	2	white
/	3756	1037	baby blue, ul. vy. lt.
○	3753	1031	antique blue, ul. vy. lt.
✓	932	1034	antique blue, lt.
▲	931	1034	antique blue, med.
–	3776	1048	mahogany. lt.
∩	301	1049	mahogany, med.
X	400	351	mahogany, dk.
♥	300	352	mahogany, vy. dk.
◊	613	831	drab brown, lt.
ℓ	612	832	drab brown, med.
★	611	898	drab brown, dk.
?	415	398	pearl gray
■	310	403	black
+	367	217	pistachio, dk.
๑	319	218	pistachio, vy. dk.
e	3822	295	straw, lt.
	002BF	Kreinik	gold
£	3820	306	straw, dk.
	002BF	Kreinik	gold
*	729	890	old gold, med.
	002BF	Kreinik	gold
bs	3750	1036	antique blue, vy. dk.

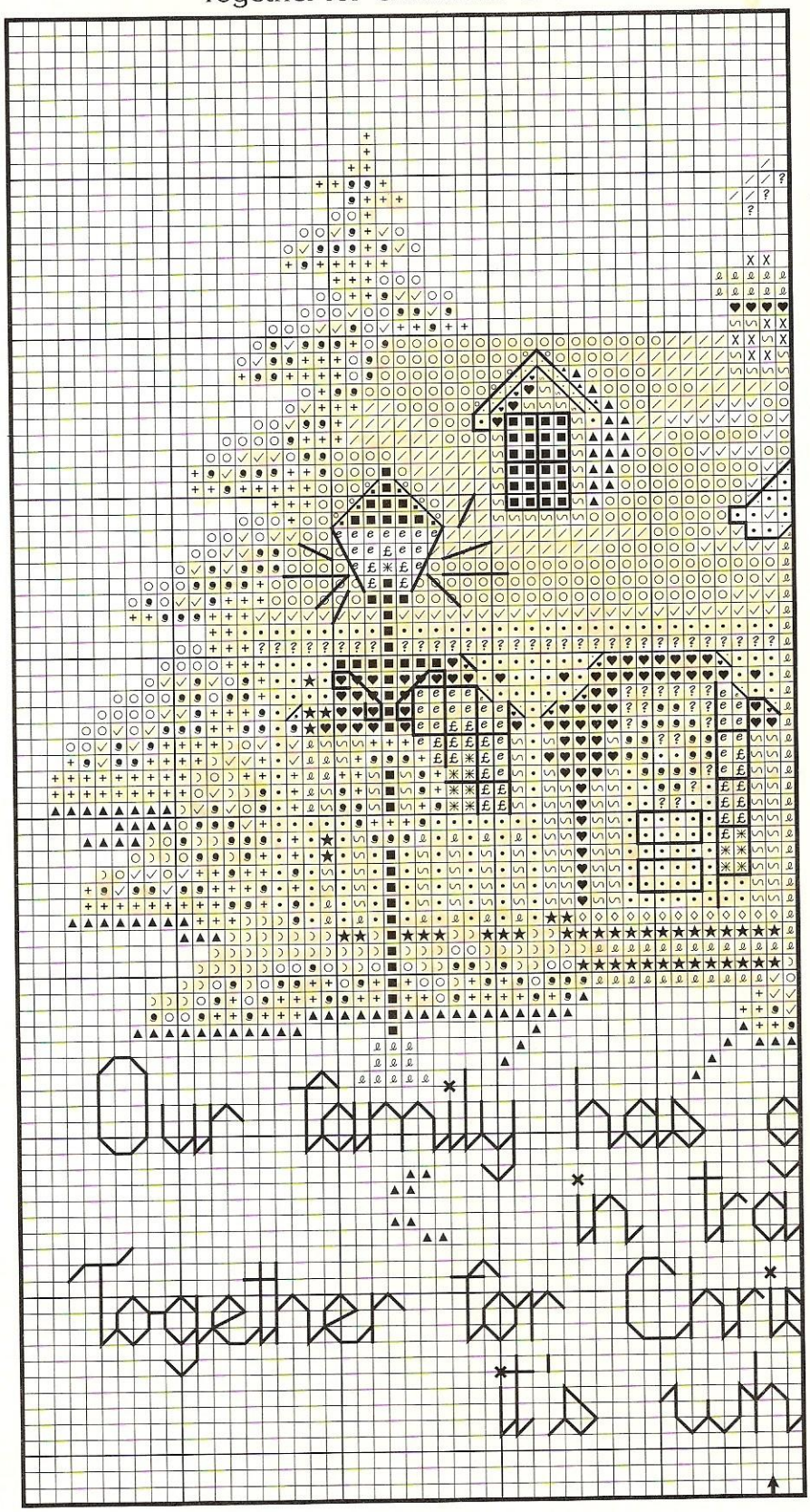
Kreinik® Fine Braid #8

☽	032	pearl

Stitch count: 91H x 90W
Design size: 6½" x 6½"

Instructions: Cross stitch over two threads, using three strands of floss or one strand of fine braid. When two colors are bracketed together, use three strands floss and one strand of blending filament. Backstitch using one strand of floss unless otherwise indicated. Cross stitch over one thread for dot on letter *i*, using one strand 3750/1036. Work long stitch, using one strand of floss unless otherwise indicated.

Together for Christmas Chart



Backstitch (bs) instructions:

931	1034	outer roof edges, lamp roof and brackets
3865	2	inner white roof trim, porch trim
415	398	door panels (two strands)
3750	1036	lettering

Long-stitch instructions:

310	403	lit windows, length of each pane of glass

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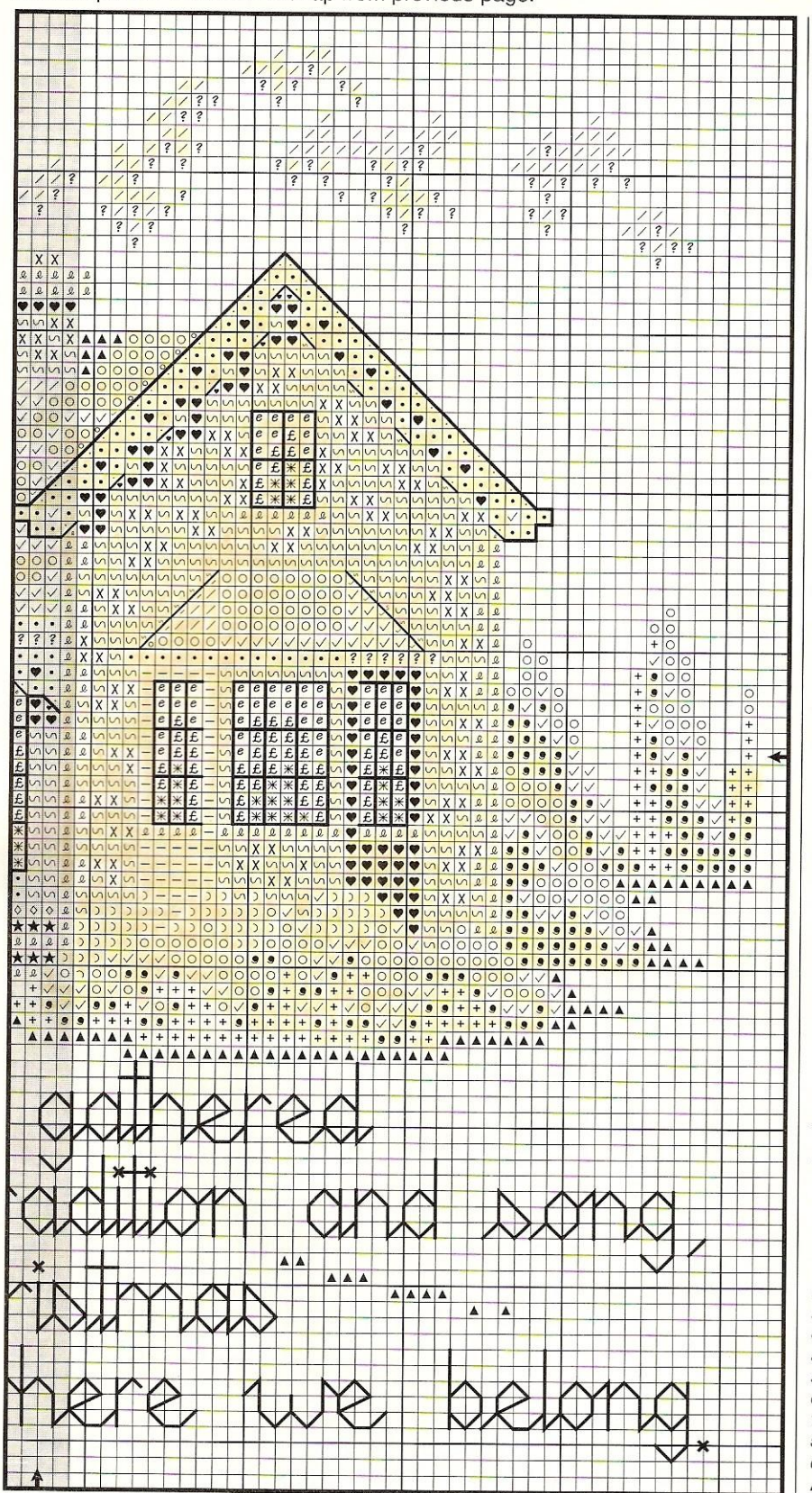

3865 2 dormer windowpanes
002BF lamplight and rays

OUR STITCHERS ASK

(continued from page 45)

I'm looking for the December 1999 issue of *Just CrossStitch*. I'll gladly pay.

Sandy Grudowski
23 N. Filmore St.
Beverly Hills, FL 34465

I'm looking for the 1997, 1998, and 1999 *Just CrossStitch* Christmas ornament issues in good condition. I'm willing to pay $15 for each issue.

Jessica Redman
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I am looking for counted cross-stitch patterns of Colorado wildflowers such as columbine and others that are common in the Rocky Mountains.

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I'm looking for a cross-stitch pattern of Rhett Butler or a silhouette of his head.

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I am interested in finding a pattern or cross-stitch kit for a Raggedy Ann and Andy birth sampler. Does anyone know if one is available?

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I'm looking for "Spanish Sampler" by Sandy Orton. It was first published in *Treasures in Needlework.*

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I'm looking for a leaflet that features three clowns named Elmer, Dribble, and Bumper. It's called *Clowns I.*

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